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In Business Update

Cowbridge School, and pupil Lowri, are praised for charity fundraising

MACMILLAN Cancer Support's chief executive, Lynda Thomas, visited a Cowbridge school during her visit to Wales to thank them for their fantastic fundraising.

Ms Thomas visited Cowbridge Comprehensive School on January 26 to support a charity walk organised by pupil Lowri Parsons.

Lowri (13), from Pencoed, was given Macmillan's Young Fundraising Champion Award for Wales last year for her dedication to fundraising for the charity.

In addition to the walk, the teenager organised a quiz, a coffee morning and held bucket collections for Macmillan, who supported her grandfather before he died of lung cancer a year ago.

Pupils from years 7, 8 and 9 took part in the fundraising walk, while other pupils organised a Macmillan bake sale.

Lynda, who is from Porthcawl originally, supported the event as part of her visit to Wales to meet supporters and Macmillan professionals.

She said: "I was so pleased to visit Cowbridge Comprehensive School and to see the fantastic fundraising event our Young Fundraising Champion Lowri's organised again for Macmillan.

"I'd like to say a big thank you to the staff and pupils for their brilliant support, which will help Macmillan improve the lives of people living with cancer and their loved ones."

Lowri Parsons said: "I wanted to organise an event that all my friends and peers could get involved in and have fun while raising money at the same time."

"About 200 pupils took part in, and after the run a cake sale added to the total. It was a brilliant day and the even sun came out. More than £2,000 was raised."

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Lynda Thomas, chief executive of Macmillan Cancer Support, visited Cowbridge Comprehensive pupils to thank them for their support.

Just what does make a village 'enchanting'?

by TIM CHAPMAN
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AS reported in The GEM last week, the village of Colwinston has been recognised as one of the UK's most community-minded villages.

The village is currently being featured in the TV show *Village of the Year* on Channel 4.

The series began on Monday, January 15, and is broadcast at 3pm, Monday to Friday, with a show every Saturday night at 8pm.

Episodes can still be viewed at Channel4.com/ by putting in a search for 'village of the year', so we won't spoil the result for you. You'll have to watch to find out how far Colwinston progressed in the competition.

Local resident Jenny Sant contacted The GEM to explain the village's involvement in the programme and why the Channel 4 crew were so taken with it.

Jenny said: "Resident Jo Foxall entered the village into the competition, having grown up in the village, moved away and now returned – like many other children of Colwinston.

"Channel 4's team of researchers were enchanted by the community spirit which is quite unique to the village.

"Residents contact Father Christmas to appear on his sleigh and give each child in the village a present on Christmas Eve.

"On New Year's Day there is a village football match with over 35s versus the under 35s, followed by a 'collyball' competition. Children decorate a swede, the 'collyball', with a trophy for the best one."

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'INCONSIDERATE PARKING MAKES MY BLOOD BOIL!'

IN relation to the recent letter in The GEM about double yellow lines in Llantwit Major, I would say no, I have not seen a warden ever in my 25 years of living here.

It makes my blood boil when people park outside the Spar. I have mobility problems and even I park in the proper spaces and walk.

It is an accident waiting to happen. Let's hope it's not a child.

Susan Culverhouse, Llantwit Major

Is wood a gateway to incinerating plastic? asks reader

I HAVE just read the letter 'Are incinerators a reaction to China?' in last week's edition of The GEM.

The footnote at the end would suggest that only wood waste would be received at this plant.

You wrote "wood waste" in inverted commas and inferred that some people are concerned that plastic could also be disposed of at this plant.

It is a known fact that the innocent "wood waste" to be used is not purely wood, but a mixture of other materials such as melamine from scrapped kitchens and other construction debris.

It's only a small step to increase the ratio of plastic products into the mix in the future.

Gareth Thomas, Barry.

'We must not forget the Syrian refugees'

HEARING about the suffering of Syrian people losing their lives, their families and their homes, we can scarcely imagine how traumatic life must be there.

However much we may sympathise, it's hard to see what we in Llantwit Major could do to make a difference.

A few of us are exploring the opportunity to bring a refugee family to Llantwit, through the Government's Community Sponsorship Programme.

It's not easy or quick – it involves some major fundraising, finding appropriate accomodation, and supporting the family to become integrated in our wonderful community. The scheme is already well under way in other UK towns, including many in Wales.

If you are interested in this really positive initiative, have a look at the new Community Sponsorship Llantwit Major Facebook page, or email croesollantwit@gmail.com for details of a meeting to discuss taking this further.

A group in London who did this said: "It gave us the opportunity to do something hopeful when we weren't sure how to help, and has brought together different elements in our community in extraordinary ways."

Annie Paine, Llantwit Major.

'Exemplary service from the NHS'

I WAS recently seen by the out of hours GP service at Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend and I was immediately referred to the Acute Medical Unit for further assessment/treatment.

It was like a war zone there. Staff were rushed off their feet, patients were arriving at a pace of knots, obviously some very sick.

One ward appeared to have strict infection control measures in place, staff and patients were wearing gloves and masks. I sat watching with a mixture of horror and fear.

However, despite the impossible conditions, I received exemplary care. The staff were exhausted but at all times, they displayed professionalism, courtesy and patience. I cannot fault them.

So it saddens me when I hear the constant criticism aimed at the NHS. Yes, it is under tremendous strain and needs a radical overhaul, it would be naive to think otherwise.

But is the NHS failing us, or are we failing the NHS?

Is it time that we, as a nation, started to radically change our expectations of the NHS.

We need to recognise its strengths but we also have to accept its weaknesses in a less critical way. Perhaps if our behaviours change – if we stop demanding and take more responsibility for our own health – we could actually work to support the NHS instead of draining it.

Pouring endless amounts of money into a sink hole is not going to make much difference. A major shift in public attitudes may.

Andrea Kane-Akers, Bridgend.

Thanks for care in Cowbridge

Late last month, I, a pedestrian, was in collision with a car in Cowbridge

Please may I thank the wonderful passers-by who assisted me in the cold and pouring rain:

Dan from the fire station; Derek, an off-duty policeman; two ladies who rang my husband; a practice nurse; a GP; the owner of a tent cover which protected me while I lay in the road.

Also Jen Evans who stayed on her mobile throughout talking to ambulance control. I would like to thank her personally if she would get in touch. Someone lent a yoga mat and a blanket and I need to return those.

Thanks must also go to Cowbridge Bookshop who allowed me to sit out of the weather while I was being assessed by air ambulance crew Dr Roberts and Rhyan Curtain.

I was exceptionally fortunate in all respects and able to go home. I suffer from hypoadrenalism and have only one working lung.

Without such prompt attention it could have been a very different story.

Name and address supplied.

Football, but not as we know it...

ALAN THORNE (GEM Letters, January 18) is highly unlikely to find any evidence for an organised football match (complete with referee) in No-Man's Land during the World War One Christmas truces.

The spontaneity and often short-lived nature of these ceasefires, plus the war-scarred nature of the ground, would surely have precluded this from happening.

I suspect that if a football was produced, what resulted was a 'kickabout', similar to the activity I witnessed as a boy on the local green just after 3pm on Sundays when the men came out of the nearby pub!

Football, yes, but not under Football Association rules.

Steve Monaghan, Cardiff.

Llantwit parking infringements need monitoring

I WRITE regarding the letter published in your previous edition concerning the yellow lines that were recently put outside the Spar shop in Llantwit Major.

I have observed cars and vans frequently parking outside of Spar shop in total ignorance of the yellow lines.

Parking on these lines is obstructing traffic and being situated on the junction with Barons Close and Stallcourt Avenue, it is only a matter of time before an accident occurs.

Last week, my wife observed a policeman talking to a shopkeeper near the Spar, oblivious to the fact that there were cars parked on the yellow lines.

I for one have never seen a traffic warden in Llantwit Major.

While I applaud the council's action on putting the yellow lines outside of shops in order to prevent road accidents, motorists will continue to park on them in the absence of regular monitoring and enforcement.

Anthony Fraser, Llantwit Major.

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HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL FEBRUARY 8)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
01 Thur	06.54	10.3	19.21	10.4
02 Fri	07.41	10.6	20.08	10.5
03 Sat	08.27	10.5	20.49	10.3
04 Sun	09.11	10.2	21.28	9.9
05 Mon	9.51	9.7	22.09	9.4
06 Tues	10.28	9.3	22.51	8.8
07 Wed	11.12	8.4	23.34	8.2
08 Thur	11.59	7.9		

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A very busy couple of months for the Mayor...

COWBRIDGE MAYOR'S DIARY

by Coun Sian Vaughn

ON December 14, a group of children from Y Bont Faen School came into the Council Chamber and Mayor's Parlour to undertake a filming project.

The children asked various questions and I was lucky to have assistance from the Deputy Mayor, Betty Alden from the History Society and David Pearce from Cowbridge Museum to help answer them.

On December 17, the consort and I attended a Carols by Candlelight service in the United Free Church and it was lovely to hear singing from the choirs of both of our primary schools, Y Bont Faen and Ysgol Iolo Morganwg.

The lunch club Christmas dinner took place on December 18 in the Lesser Town Hall and we were invited guests with Jane Hutt AM and the town hall staff. Many thanks to the RVS for all they do serving lunches every Monday throughout the year.

On Christmas Day morning, I visited Southways home in Cowbridge with my consort, Rob. It was lovely to continue with the long-standing tradition of the Mayor visiting on Christmas Day, the photos of which appeared in The GEM's January 11 edition. We received a very warm and friendly welcome.

In January, the consort and I attend the MPCT (Motivational Preparation College for Training) award ceremony in Cardiff City Stadium.

Students from Bridgend, Cardiff, Merthyr Tydfil, Newport and Swansea treated us to a physical display of various drills.

The event was well supported by the Lord Lieutenant, various Mayors, dignitaries and very proud parents and families. Certificates were handed out to all, and a number of special awards were presented and my congratulations to all involved.

On January 28, Rob and I attended a Music in the Vale gala concert at Stanwell School, Penarth. The concert featured the winners and runners-up from the Music in the Vale competition held in November 2017.

Cowbridge winners included Soffia Easterby, winner of the junior vocal category and Gabriel Owen, a member of the winning choir, Cor Heol Y March. The talent on display was truly amazing.

I visited the Penarth Mayor's charity coffee morning on January 24 in the Mayor's parlour in the Penarth Town Council offices, along with all the other local Vale Mayors, to help raise money for his chosen charities.

Finally, a reminder that my next two coffee mornings in aid of Cancer Research Wales are on February 3 and March 3 from 10.30am to noon in the Mayor's Parlour in Cowbridge Town Hall; everyone is welcome.

Local PR firm up for an award

COWBRIDGE-based jamjar PR has been shortlisted for this year's South Wales Chamber of Commerce Welsh Business Awards, in a year when a record number of entries have been received and more companies than ever before have made the final shortlist.

Company jamjar PR have been shortlisted for Excellence in Marketing and Communications.

The awards, which are open to members and non-members, received nominations from across Wales and aim to recognise the very best from businesses nation-wide. The winners will be announced at an event hosted by Gethin Jones on Thursday, March 8, at the City Hall in Cardiff.

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Charity's praise for school and pupil

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Cowbridge Comprehensive School headteacher Debra Thomas said: "We are proud that our young people show great empathy, care and commitment by leading events and activities to raise funds for worthy causes.

"Lowri is an inspirational young lady and I am delighted that her endeavours have been acknowledged by Macmillan by being awarded the Champion Award for Wales."

Nicola Newhams, Macmillan's fundraising manager for the area, said: "It never ceases to amaze and inspire me just how fantastic our supporters are.

"Ninety-nine per cent of the money that we raise comes from the general public, so it is only through the generosity of supporters like Lowri and the staff and pupils at Cowbridge Comprehensive school that we are able to continue to be there when we are needed most."

For information or support call the Macmillan Support Line free on 0808 808 0000 (9am to 8pm Monday to Friday) or visit macmillan.org.uk.

To get involved with fundraising for Macmillan like Lowri, call 0300 100 2000.

How your Town Council works – SETTING THE PRECEPT

THIS is the third of what it is hoped will be regular articles on the workings of Cowbridge with Llanblethian Town Council and its history. The information is supplied by a council spokesperson.

All meetings of the Town Council are open to the public and are advertised on its notice boards and website www.cowbridge-tc.gov.uk. Minutes of meetings are available on the website.

As mentioned in the previous article, the council is responsible for a number of assets in the town. These include the Town Hall (a grade 2 star listed building), The Limes cemetery, Holy Cross churchyard, Twt play park, Southgate park, Emm's cottage terraced gardens, Llanblethian playing field, the willow tree area in Piccadilly and the grass area at the ford, Factory Road.

The money necessary to maintain these assets comes from the Town Council's share of the council tax, hire of the town hall facilities and the fees charged for the Limes cemetery.

For this financial year 2017/18 the Cowbridge with Llanblethian Council Tax precept for a band D property is £59.82 per year which yields £152,302 in total. The total anticipated income for this financial year including room hire charges and other income is £186,000.

In terms of expenditure the biggest single cost, as with most organisations, is the cost of wages and salaries for the four staff. This consumes about half of the income. The second largest cost is maintaining the Town Council assets.

Other smaller costs include insurance, grants to the local community and civic functions.

At the January council meeting, councillors reviewed the level of council tax precept required for the next financial year starting on April 1, 2018.

Unfortunately, the Town Council is facing a number of increasing costs above the normal inflationary increases.

The principal ones are the costs of maintaining the Town Hall and the play parks to a satisfactory standard. For example, as some of you may have noticed, the Town Hall clock is not keeping good time and has a hand missing. The repairs to this town feature alone will cost about £10,000. According to the inscription the clock was presented to the Town by The Right Rev Edward Coplestone, Bishop of Llandaff, in 1836 which makes it older than Big Ben!

The Town Council therefore, after a lot of debate and consideration, has decided to increase the precept to £65.80 per year for a band D property, an increase of 50p per month. This will raise an additional £16,277 and will allow the Town Council to prepare a balanced budget for the year 2018/19.

New officer to deal with residents' road concerns

A PUBLIC Liaison Officer is to be appointed to assist residents concerned about the Northern Access Road to the Aerospace Business Park in St Athan.

The Welsh Government confirmed the news in a letter to South Wales Central AM Andrew RT Davies, who has repeatedly raised concerns regarding access during the construction works.

The officer will be based at a drop in centre in the contractor's site on Eglwys Brewis Road and the public will be able to speak to the construction team directly.

Residents of Millands Park in Llanmaes were concerned about having no access to their properties due to the potential closure of the lane at Froglands.

Assurances have also been provided that access for both vehicles and pedestrians will be provided along Llanmaes lane until a diversion is fully in place.

Welcoming the clarification, Mr Davies vowed to continue to make representations on behalf of local residents and assured them he would press for full access to be maintained.

Mr Davies said: "Residents are rightly concerned by the potential disruption that construction of the Northern Access Road will cause and it seems these are fully mitigated.

"I welcome the appointment of a Public Liaison Officer who will be able to work with residents and assist them with their concerns. They will be based on site at a public drop in centre, so I'd encourage people to pop in if they have any queries.

"People in Millands Park in particular were concerned about the closure of the lane, so I am pleased this has now been clarified.

"I will continue to hold the Welsh Government to account and press them to ensure residents do not lose out as a result of the works."

CHOP CHOP! Air ambulance shop in need of volunteers

WALES Air Ambulance (WAA) is appealing for volunteers in the Bridgend area to share their spare time at their local WAA shop.

The shop on Adare Street in the town centre sells donated pre-loved items and relies on volunteers to organise and assist in its day-to-day running.

Volunteers in the Wales Air Ambulance shop sort and sell donated items, to raise funds which keep the charity's four helicopters flying.

WAA relies on public donations to sustain the service and needs to raise £6.5 million every year. Each mission costs approximately £1,500.

The 17 Wales Air Ambulance shops located across the country are a key source of funding for the charity.

WAA Bridgend shop manager Sandra John, said: "As a charity, we rely on people kindly donating their time and funds to keep our helicopters flying across Wales.

"By giving a couple of hours of your time to help in our shops, you can raise money that will go on to save lives.

"In 2017 alone, our crews attended 83 missions in Bridgend which shows how important the service is to the area.

"Our shops play a vital role in raising the funds needed to complete our operations and each day volunteering for Wales Air Ambulance is different. Our volunteers have fun, and there is always a great atmosphere in our shops. No experience is necessary as we will provide full training.

"Our crews are on standby 365 days a year across the country. Whether you can spare an hour or more, you can play a crucial role in helping to make a difference to lives across Wales."

If you would like to find out more or to volunteer, email volunteering@walesairambulance.com or call 0300 0152 999.

There is, of course, a staff 'rotor' for shifts.

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MP makes urgent plea to council over Boverton roadworks

BOVERTON business owners are calling on the Council and site contractors to clarify the timetable for the completion of the construction work taking place in the village.

The construction work, which is taking place to prevent flooding, is taking much longer than previously anticipated, with the end date now widely believed to be in April of this year, despite the original timetable indicating that the work would be completed before Christmas 2017.

Alun Cairns has joined Gaynor and Simon Jones of Simon's Plaice and Mr and Mrs Vithiyathran of Boverton Post Office with an urgent plea to the Council to support the village's business owners while the work is taking place.

The Vale MP is calling for a realistic and clear timetable for the completion of the remainder of the construction work as well as greater support for the businesses in order that their trading is no longer hindered.

Mr Cairns has expressed his disappointment over the treatment of the Boverton business owners, and said: "I have visited the businesses in Boverton on a number of occasions while the work is being undertaken and each time, the business owners were reasonable and understanding of the need for this work to go ahead.

"They are now understandably frustrated that the end date of the work keeps being pushed back, with very little communication as to what support is available to allow them to run their businesses as normally as possible."

He continued: "It is not at all fair that the future of businesses in Boverton should be threatened due to a lack of clarity over the work being undertaken. In light of this, I am contacting the Council and the site contractors as a matter of urgency to clarify the timetable for the completion of the work.

"Small business owners are pivotal to any local economy – I want to ensure that in the Vale, they are supported in every possible way."

MP Alun Cairns visited the businesses affected by the Boverton roadworks recently.

VILLAGE'S SUCCESS

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Jenny added: "Later in the day children and adults throw their collyball down the steep pub hill. The furthest wins, with several bouncing off the walls of a thatched cottage at the bottom.

"Currently we have the village panto *Trouble in Panto Land* in the village hall starring local residents, and in the summer the fete brings together the various clubs and the school on floats for a themed parade around the village.

"On bonfire night, our firework display is a real shock for newcomers because the locals spend all year raising money for a magnificent show."

And that's not all, throughout the year there are sporting and community organisations such as Colwinston Cricket Club, the parent and toddler group, messy church, pub quizzes, cinema club, and the WI among many others. Young and old are kept well entertained.

History society publishes photograph collection to celebrate its anniversary

THE Llantwit Major Local History Society has closed its 50th anniversary celebrations by publishing a book of photographs taken from its considerable archive collection.

While the artists who travelled around Wales during the period between 1600 and 1850 tended to overlook the pictorial possibilities of the ancient town, the advent of photography seemed to awaken interest in the buildings and views of the area.

There is an intriguing entry in the accounts of Robert Nicholl Carne in 1858 that Dr Redwood had been at Dimlands all day photographing, a mere 17 years after the first photograph was taken in Wales.

Sadly, the fruits of his labour have not survived, but in the intervening years, Llantwit Major has been blessed by a number of enthusiasts who if it moved, photographed it!

When the Society was founded, two of its aims were "to recover and preserve documents, prints and photographs of the town" and to "make and preserve a visual, written and sound record of the town".

As a result of the hard work of members such as the late Bill John, these aims have been fulfilled and the collection is now being added to, as well as being digitised by Geoff Timms.

The book not only celebrates the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Society and the far-sightedness of the founders, but also the talents of its members over that period and it is to them that the book is dedicated.

Llantwit Major in Focus is available from the Society at its meetings on the second Wednesday in February, March and April in the Llantonian Hall at 7.30pm or the Archive Room in the Old School on Friday afternoons (2pm-4pm), as well as any good book shop.

NIGEL WILLIAMS

Suspended sentence for builder who was a 'complete nightmare'

CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A ROGUE builder who caused extreme distress to two families by carrying out substandard work has been sentenced to 42 weeks imprisonment, suspended for 18 months, and ordered to pay £2,500 costs at Cardiff Crown Court.

One of the victims described what occurred as "a complete nightmare" and in another, the household drinking water had been connected to the radiator supply presenting a serious danger to life, said prosecutor Lee Reynolds.

Daniel Marshall (34), currently unemployed, of Trem Elai, Penarth, a father of four, admitted four charges of contravening the Consumer Protection Act.

In addition to the suspended sentence and costs order, he was made subject to a 20-week curfew, electronically tagged from 7pm to 7am.

Mr Reynolds, acting for the local Trading Standards department, said that in the first incident, Isobel Vander of Penarth, arranged to have a loft conversion. She saw Marshall, who said he was setting up his own business.

He satisfactorily carried out some replastering, and he gave her a quote of £19,740 for the loft conversion.

"He seemed to her then, very professional, said it would take eight to 10 weeks, and was paid £6,500 up front."

He employed a labourer who discovered he had a fear of heights.

A hole was made in the roof and water entered the property in Penarth and on one occasion, Ms Vander discovered there was no electricity supply upstairs.

Marshall lowered the ceiling in one room and she noticed that the dormer window was the wrong size.

Marshall received a further £6,500 but didn't attend the property as agreed.

"The hole in the roof caused water to pour in and a joiner discovered that the staircase didn't comply with building regulations."

She contacted Building Control and was told the work was "awful" and the entire job should be redone.

For the work to be redone, it would cost £24,000 said Mr Reynolds.

"There would be departures from the original designs and the work carried out was substandard. He lacked an understanding of the simplest construction techniques."

He added: "He lacked any professional diligence."

The property, said Mr Reynolds, was "open to the elements for three months and bad weather caused considerable damage, causing the family to rent a property and later to move into a caravan."

About £13,000 was paid to Marshall and the householder had to borrow £10,000.

She described the experience as "a complete nightmare".

Another Penarth resident, Lesley Strabel, had suffered minor flood damage and Marshall quoted her £4,750 for a new bathroom. He said the job would last two weeks and she should leave the house for that period. As a result, she and her family stayed with relatives.

She noted that the wall had been taken down and later was aware that the work had stopped and no plumbing had been carried out.

He made various excuses.

By this time, she was at her wits' end, said Mr Reynolds.

She was 20 weeks pregnant and she was unable to cater for the family.

Marshall failed to arranged for a plumber to attend the water fault.

Mr Reynolds said the family were in a state of shock at the state of the work and British Gas discovered that system was dangerous and that drinking water supplied by the radiator system could have caused a danger to life.

"It was patently substandard work with dangerous shortcomings," he said. He added that it would cost more than £7,000 to rectify and the family suffered four months of stress and anxiety.

They even had to use a local leisure centre for their bathing facilities.

Marshall's counsel, Ruth Smith, said: "He appreciates the stress he caused to the families and his own family."

She said he had mental health difficulties, due to two significant events in his life.

She said he intended never to go back into the building trade.

'CARING AND COMPASSIONATE' – Tributes are paid to former Mayor of Barry

WARM tributes have been paid to the former Mayor of Barry, Cllr Jane Andrews, who died after a short illness.

Cllr Andrews served as a town councillor from June 1999 to May 2008, and then from May 2017 to January 2018.

She held the position of mayor from 2003 to 2004.

The leader of Barry Town Council, Cllr Bronwen Brooks, said Cllr Andrews had a real care for the people she served.

"I am deeply saddened to hear of the sudden passing of our friend and fellow councillor Jane, who gave many years of service to her residents in Cadoc Ward, returning in May 2017 to serve again.

"She still had more to give and cared greatly about people in Cadoc Ward – as well as the greater town of Barry.

"Jane was a dedicated and loyal councillor totally committed to standing up for people when they needed help or advice, and was also never afraid to stand up and be counted when it mattered.

"Jane was also a very funny person, with a dry wit that often made me laugh when times were challenging. I count myself lucky that I knew Jane and her presence will be sorely missed by all of us but she will be very fondly remembered."

The Vale's Assembly Member Jane Hutt said she would remember her compassionate nature, and her commitment to the local community.

"I would like to pay tribute to Cllr Jane Andrews following her untimely death as a result of a short battle with cancer.

"I knew her as an enthusiastic, lively and committed Mayor of Barry, and a person who 'gave her all' as a Cadoc Labour councillor serving the people of Barry with her spirited belief in supporting the community with care and compassion.

"She will be greatly missed and my heartfelt sympathies are with her family, friends and fellow councillors."

Former Mayor of Barry, Cllr Jane Andrews.

Downmarket fouling at upmarket supermarket

FOLLOWING an evening visit to Waitrose in Cowbridge last Friday, I really didn't expect to spend two hours cleaning dog excrement from my family's shoes and the interior of my car.

I hope the person who allowed their pet to foul two car-parking spaces at the supermarket will feel deeply ashamed of the mess they left behind and the inconvenience they caused, let alone the health hazard they created.

Interestingly, I have never encountered this problem when parking at Aldi, Tesco, Asda, etc.

A Roberts, Llantwit Major.

Mind café on the right track with Arriva Trains

THE future of Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan's café at Barry Train Station has been secured thanks to a new deal with Arriva Trains Wales (ATW).

The café has been based at the station for more than 20 years, and the peppercorn lease agreed with ATW means that the charity can focus its spending on its core activities and new ventures.

Caroline Chapman, CEO of Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan, said: "I'm delighted that this new lease has been agreed. The café has become an integral part of the community over the past two decades and gives people the chance to talk about their mental health while having a coffee on the way to work."

With the new lease in place, the café is expanding the services it offers. Already providing outside catering to clients including local schools and the Vale Council, it is planning to offer the same for weddings and other social occasions.

The café, run by volunteers, is also home to an art gallery, with exhibitions from the Vale of Glamorgan Artists that change every two months. There is also a range of information about mental health conditions and services available from Mind in the Vale of Glamorgan.

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A replacement defibrillator for Vale village

Cath Hughes receives the new defibrillator on behalf of the village from Sharon Owen.

LATE last year, the St Mary Church defibrillator was taken from the church and found a few weeks later in a nearby river.

Last week, Sharon Owen from the charity Welsh Hearts was very happy to present Cath Hughes from the village's Residents' Association with a replacement defibrillator.

The residents are very grateful to Welsh Hearts for their donation following what has been a difficult time for the village.

Bridge results

THE results for the Vale of Glamorgan Bridge Club for the last two weeks:

January 22 - 1st Liam Sheridan & Glenda Roberts 69.95%, 2nd Irene Thomas & Graham Jones 62.73%, 3rd equal Geoff Tinkler & John Henson and Glyn Williams & Vida Halford 57.58%.

January 29 - 1st Simon & Debbie Richards 66.88%, 2nd Kevin Maddox & Mike Best 65.83%, 3rd Marjorie Morris & Linda Pinnock 61.25%.

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'Affluent Roath' given more considerate treatment by 'Cardiff elite', claims DIAG

THE group campaigning to stop the Biomass UK No2 Ltd plant operating at Barry docks has claimed Natural Resources Wales is treating 'affluent Roath' in a more considerate way than 'post-industrial Barry'.

DIAG, which stands for the Docks Incinerator Action Group, has written a letter to NRW highlighting what it claims is a difference in the way residents in Roath and Barry are being treated.

Earlier this week, NRW confirmed it would respond to the points made in DIAG's letter.

Residents in Roath want to save trees in Roath Brook Gardens, and DIAG points out that campaigners in Cardiff have been granted a series of workshops and a meeting with the Welsh Government Minister for Environment, Hannah Blythyn.

DIAG says it doesn't begrudge Roath residents the workshops, but says in comparison, the treatment of Barry has been 'poor'.

DIAG deputy chair Dennis Clarke said: "NRW's approach to Barry residents has been highly condescending. It has refused to hold public meetings or even attend a public meeting that DIAG offered to pay for and organise.

"NRW are now trying to spin a handful of meetings with representatives of DIAG as extensive public consultation. Meanwhile, the Roath Brook Gardens campaign group has had an audience with the environment minister and workshops have been arranged for residents.

"There is no logical reason for this difference in treatment by a publicly funded regulator.

"Given that the Barry incinerator will be burning waste wood and is being built in some of the most deprived wards in the UK, there should have been more, not less, effort to consult with the public.

"DIAG already had serious concerns about this flawed consultation, but now many Barry residents have reached the conclusion that, in the eyes of the Cardiff elite, affluent Roath merits more attention than the post-industrial town of Barry.

"This inequality must be addressed."

A spokesperson for Natural Resources Wales told The GEM: "We've received a letter from the Chair of DIAG and we'll respond to the points made within the next few days."

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AMAZON PROVIDES GUEST SPEAKER

BARRY Rotary Club is hosting an online presentation direct from Amazon's headquarters in Seattle where the tech giant's director of Software Development, Simon Guest, will demystify current technology trends such as cloud computing, artificial intelligence and virtual and augmented reality.

He is also an contributor to multiple open source software projects and is the author of numerous articles, patents and books.

The presentation is part of Barry Rotary's regular speaker programme and according to club president, Jill Osborne, promises to deliver a fascinating insight into the way in which global corporations like Amazon are driving the application of new technology.

She said: "Getting a speaker of Simon's calibre is a real coup for the club, not just because of his technical knowledge but also his expertise as a presenter.

"He has had one to ones with Bill Gates and given onstage talks to many thousands of people across the world, and is author of a critically acclaimed reference book on presentation skills for software developers and other technical professionals."

Mr Guest is no stranger to Barry where his parents live, and lists a visit to Hangfire Smokehouse as one of the highlights of every trip.

The presentation will take place at Brynhill Golf Club on Thursday, February 1 at 7.15pm and if anyone is interested in attending they should contact Jill Osborne on 01446 735973.

A few lines from Cowbridge Lions

THE Reindeer Parade bucket collection has been distributed to good causes.

Llantwit Major and Cowbridge Lions, together with Friends of Lions and Cowbridge Rotary, were out in force on November 26 to steward the Reindeer Parade and collect money for good causes.

£1,420 was collected. At a recent meeting this, plus other funds raised, was distributed as follows.

Cowbridge Rotary: £300; Cowbridge Monday Club: £200; Cowbridge Barnardo's: £100; Cowbridge Poppy Appeal: £200; Cylch Meithrin Y Bont Faen: £250; The Vale Big Wrap: £500; Vale Samaritans: £100; Vale Salvation Army: £100; Vale Foodbank: £500; Noah's Ark Children's charity in Wales: £100; UNICEF Syria winter appeal: £250.

The Cowbridge Reindeer Parade is a great event and is enjoyed by a great many people of all ages. Many thanks to all those who donated and supported the event.

John Andrew

What's on, and where

Art exhibition

AN art exhibition, 'Bliss of Wildness', impressionist-style paintings of Welsh wild flowers, will be held in Coed Hills Barn Gallery by visiting international artist in residence, Dr Daphne Cazalet at 3pm on Sunday, January 28.

Daphne will be accompanied by Emma and Gemini on the violin. Free entry; the exhibition is accessed via a muddy track, so wear suitable footwear.

Cowbridge Art Society

ON Thursday, February 1 there will be a demonstration of portrait painting by local artist Mark Youd (*www.markyoud.co.uk*).

Mark has a quite unique method of portraiture, which is well worth seeing and it will almost certainly be a very interesting evening.

On Thursday, February 8, the society will hold an assisted workshop where specific painting techniques will be practiced under the direction of a CAS member.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall, Cowbridge (7pm – 9 pm) and occasional visitors and new members are most welcome. For details of the society's programme and activities collect a programme from the Old Hall, or see www.cowbridgeartsociety.com and www.facebook.com/cowbridgeart.cas

Cowbridge History Society

THE society's next meeting of the season will be on Friday, February 2 at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall of the Town Hall, Cowbridge: 'The Parish Churches of the Lordship of Gower' by Jeff Childs.

Council surgery

LLANTWIT First Independent Councillors will hold a surgery at the Heritage Centre, Town Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, February 3 from 9.30am until 11.30am. Residents who have any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Cantorion Pontyclun

LOVE to sing and perform? We need you! Come and join us on Tuesday evenings between at 7.30pm in Cafe 50, Pontyclun (next to the community hall) where we practice each week.

We are now learning for 2018, an ideal time to join – why not come and see if it's for you?

See Cantorion Pontyclun website for details or call 01443 222798 Jan Thomas.

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'Open up depot for match day parking' says councillor

AS excitement builds in Barry with an international football match between Wales and England taking place at Jenner Park on March 20, a councillor has suggested that nearby Court Road Depot could be opened up to ease parking problems.

The match is a landmark fixture for the town – a 'C' international with the best players from Wales' domestic divisions pitted against the top talent from England's non-league system.

When The GEM posted news of the fixture on social media, one local resident was quick to comment: "If you want to attend, don't bring your car to Barry Road or Cornwall Road – the residents have had enough of not being able to park near their own houses."

For people living near football grounds across the country, match days can be a headache as fans try to finding parking spots near grounds.

The Vale Council has told The GEM that it is "exploring car parking options for this fixture and has asked Barry Town Football Club to keep us updated on ticket sales so it can be properly planned for".

The stadium capacity – all seated – is 2,300, and the Football Association of Wales would love to see a sell-out.

Plaid Cymru's Cllr Ian Johnson said it was a feather in Barry Town's cap that it had attracted the clash and added that there were steps that could be taken to ease residents' concerns on match days.

He said: "It's fantastic that Barry Town have been able to attract such a high-profile match to Jenner Park, and I'm sure it will be a great success.

"Since the Vale Council laid the new 3G pitch in 2015, there has been a huge increase in the use of Jenner Park as a community hub for football of all ages and levels which is good for physical activity and bringing people together.

"However, that success comes with a responsibility to the local community. I have previously spoken with the police about parking around Jenner Park during big, and not so big, events to ask that they ensure that pavements aren't blocked and that people can get out of their drives.

"For big matches such as this, and Barry Town home games, the Vale Council should liaise with the club and the police and open up the Court Road Depot to allow extra off-street parking that will benefit neighbours to the club.

He added: "In the longer term, when the Vale move out of the Court Road Depot, they should consider how the area can be best used for the community, through improved parking and community sporting facilities."

Marie Curie talk given to Rotary Club

MARCH 1 approaches, and people in the area we will once again see collectors selling the familiar daffodil badges in aid of cancer care.

Llantwit Major Rotary Club, together with other organisations in the town have for many years helped raise money for the Marie Curie charity. Last week Hannah Leckie, who is attached to the Cardiff and the Vale Hospice in Penarth, attended a meeting of the club at the West House Hotel to talk about the well-known work it does.

Amongst other things, Hannah explained that a role of the charity is funding research into cancer.

One pound in every five collected goes to vital cancer research. As a result of the support received from so many it means that the charity is able to assist between 40 and 50,000 cancer patients a year free of charge for those who need help.

Rotary president Charles Anderson thanked Hannah for visiting the club to talk about the important work her charity does in the community. He pledged the support of Rotarians again this year helping to raise money in Llantwit Major selling the familiar daffodil badges on February 24.

Barry's Brochan stars in eerie new BBC drama

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Brochan with Lydia Wilson who plays the lead role of Matilda Gray in Requiem.

IT'S been billed as one of the BBC's 'most terrifying dramas ever', and it features Brochan Evans, a 10-year-old actor from Barry.

Requiem' is a supernatural thriller and it hits TV screens at 9pm this Friday on BBC1.

Brochan, who attends Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg in Barry, told The GEM that he has enjoyed acting since he was very young.

"I've been doing amateur dramatics with Pukka productions since I was four, and played roles such as Pharaoh in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*.

"I've also done short films and TV work. The most recent film I was involved in was a World War Two drama, *Dying Light*, in which I played a Jewish German child. It came second at the Cardiff Film Festival."

Two years ago, Brochan appeared in an episode of *Hinterland*.

In *Requiem*, he plays the role of David Morgan. So how did he land the part?

Brochan explained: "I had auditions in Cardiff and met the director at the second audition. He thought my acting was 'heart-breaking'."

Like many youngsters he loves sport, and turns out for the Junior Devils in Cardiff.

Brochan added: "I'd like to be a professional ice hockey player one day. A role in which acting and ice skating is combined would be ideal."

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PR campaigners are to hold Penarth meeting

THE campaign organisation Make Votes Matter (MVM) will be holding its first meeting in the Cardiff South and Penarth constituency on Wednesday, February 7 at the Trinity Methodist Church, Stanwell Road, Penarth.

MVM is a cross-party campaign to introduce proportional representation to UK elections in place of the current 'first past the post' voting system.

Joe Sousek, from the campaign group, will speak at the meeting to tell the audience more about the campaign and the national plan.

Mr Sousek said: "It's 100 years since some women won the vote, but most of us still don't have a vote that matters in our general elections. We need proportional representation so that Parliament reflects the way the people vote and all votes count equally. This will only happen when voters take action to demand a fair voting system, so we're delighted to be involved with this meeting in Penarth."

The meeting starts at 7pm and is open to all.

BOYS' BRIGADE SAY G'DAY OZ

BECAUSE it was Australia Day on January 26, the younger members of 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade found out more about Australia.

The Anchors created an 'itsy bitsy book', worked out how to cross the crocodile infested swamp, completed animal relays and made some koalas.

The Juniors' activities included making skateboarding spiders. Next week the Juniors will continue the theme by creating their own Aboriginal style artwork and discovering what 'fairy bread' is.

For more information about Boys' Brigade in Llantwit Major contact Debbie on 01449 796208.

ENFYS CRAFT FAIR

ENFYS Craft Fair invite you to the first fair of 2018, which will be held on Saturday, February 3 from 10am until 4pm at St Ffransis Millennium Hall, Park Road, Barry.

Ann's kitchen has been adding new mouth-watering dishes to her menu each month: come along and taste her delicious and reasonably priced food.

February's charity raffle will be for the local branch of Guide Dogs for the Blind.

As usual a warm welcome is assured for new and old friends alike, so why not pop in and see us, support our charity and spoil yourself with a little something from one of our stalls

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ASSEMBLY NOTES

by VALE AM JANE HUTT

OVER the past few weeks a Budget for the Welsh Government has been supported by AMs putting more money into health, social care, housing and education.

This Budget takes us forward with a new fiscal framework giving us an extra £70m as a result of an adjustment to the Barnett formula and £30m as a result of new devolved taxes – the Land Transaction and Tax Avoidance Act and Landfill Disposable Tax.

In the Budget debate it was pointed out that the cuts made to our Budget by the UK Government, over the past eight years, has resulted in Wales losing over £1 billion for our public services. Indeed, without the austerity cuts we would be £3bn better off.

However, we govern in line with the public finances we are allocated, and this means we have to be clear about our priorities.

Housing is a priority for the Welsh Labour Government – putting more money into social housing, Help to Buy and tackling youth homelessness with the help of organisations like Llamau Housing, which supports young people in our community with housing needs.

This is reflected in our Budget alongside support for health and social care.

Many might not have seen the announcement in December of an increase in the amount of money you can keep from your home if you need residential care. This has risen to £40,000 and will rise to £50,000 in line with our Welsh Labour Government promise.

A cross party parliamentary review into health and social care has been widely welcomed and I pay tribute to the example of 'joined up' services at Barry Hospital which I visited recently with Vaughan Gething AM, Cabinet Secretary for Health.

Our local third sector partners GVS form part of a team, with the Health Service and Vale of Glamorgan Council, to help prevent hospital admissions and support discharge to enable people to remain independent as long as possible.

I was particularly impressed with the award winning Falls Prevention programme which is leading the way in Wales and further afield.

It is always reassuring to see past decisions I helped to make in Government bearing fruit. Our decision not to use the private finance initiative (PFI) has stood the test of time.

We have opted wherever possible to build schools and hospitals through our public capital programme, which means we have much lower debt to pay than England and Scotland.

I have been active in the Assembly in my new role participating in debates and raising questions including concerns about the adverse impact of Universal Credit, which will be rolled out in the Vale of Glamorgan this year.

I also pay tribute to Cardiff and Vale Citizens Advice who support so many people with their benefit needs as a result of changes.

There was good news this week when I officially opened the new Credit Union shopfront office at 174 Holton Road.

I am a member of the Credit Union which provides ethical saving support and is a vital alternative to 'pay day lenders' on the High Street.

Finally, I was also delighted to speak at an Aston Martin Graduate Fair at Cardiff and Vale College this week, to help this showcase for new opportunities for engineering graduates at the Aston Martin plant in St Athan attracting 750 new jobs for young people making their new 'Made In Wales' brand car.

Exciting prospects for the Vale, Wales and the UK.

The Jam Fund is a small charity with a big heart

Ivona is now able to spend more quality time with her family now that she is not just confined to her pushchair or bed.

Ellie May with mother Kristy Justine and Daniel Ladner from Barry. Daniel raised the funds to purchase the bicycle by running in the Cardiff Half Marathon in 2017, following in his sister Abi's steps from some years earlier.

THE Jam Fund, which suffered a set-back recently when charity equipment was stolen, continues to help vulnerable youngsters.

Twelve-year-old Ivona Nedelcheva from Barry, who suffers from a rare condition called Lennox Gastaut Syndrome, has had a major boost thanks to the cause.

Jam Fund founder Paul Adamson told The GEM: "Ivona took possession of an 'amp pod chair' costing in excess of £1,000 from the fund just before Christmas.

"The chair comes with a range of practical attachments and is custom built.

"Ivona's mum explained that prior to the chair Ivona was forced to use a pushchair or her bed. Now she can spend more quality time with the rest of her family.

"I was able to liaise with Ivona's social worker, Rachelle Gadd, to get the chair and was introduced to the family by Becky Jones."

The Jam Fund has also delighted little Ellie May, aged five, with the gift of a bike.

Paul said: "Ellie May was given a pink princess bicycle which came with a seat for her doll too.

"She has very bravely battled cancer and has had treatment to remove a tumour."

He added: "A young man living locally who is affected by autism is also shortly to receive funding for some specialist treatment costing over £3,000 annually.

"I want to honour my son's memory and in the Jam Fund I hope I can continue to do so."

Roadworks near Cosmeston park

MOTORISTS using the B4267 Lavernock Road which runs from Sully to Penarth can expect some delays over the next month.

A Vale Council spokesman explained: "There are highway safety improvements being carried out on Lavernock Road outside the main entrance to Cosmeston Lakes Country Park.

"Work is expected to last for the next four weeks. We are sorry for any inconvenience."

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It's full steam ahead for the Vale Ploughing & Hedging Society!

THE Vale of Glamorgan Ploughing & Hedging Society held the first meeting of 2018 at the Six Bells Inn, Penmark on January 24.

The chairman, Andrew Studley, welcomed all those present and New Year wishes were passed around. It was agreed that the 2018 Ploughing Match would be staged at Sealands Farm, Wick (CF32 0RR) on Sunday, September 9 by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Richard Anthony.

The schedule for the event will be decided at the March meeting and it will be printed in early April. The number of classes in the programme will follow those in 2017, with the possibility of one or two additional classes. Arrangements are on-going to stage a full day's ploughing including steam ploughing, involving two steam engines and a multi-furrow plough. It is hoped also to have a number of teams of horses ploughing throughout the day.

All entries for the ploughing match should be submitted to the Society's Secretary by August 27, so that the names of all competitors can be included in the official programme on the day of the match. There will be no facility to take entries on the day itself.

It was agreed to have a number of banners made and two new flags produced. The society hopes that all their supporters will attend the ploughing match, as they have done in the past, and also that sponsors and trade stands will continue to support the event. It is recognised that because of their support the society is able to stage this ploughing match year after year.

The annual hedge cutting competition, which usually takes place early in the year, will be postponed to the autumn due to the weather conditions over the winter.

The annual tractor run from St Mary Hill will take place in April in aid of the Ed Evans Foundation.

The date will be decided by the Tractor Boys of Aberthin who have again agreed to stage it on behalf of the society.

Please don't hesitate to call me if you need clarification or further information.

Basil George (01656) 654440

Operating licence is 'the burning issue'

THE next meeting of Barry and Vale Friends of the Earth will be on Tuesday, February 6, in the Castle Hotel, Jewel Street, Barry.

Keith Stockdale, the group's coordinator, said: "The decision of Natural Resources Wales on the application for an operating licence for the incinerator, nearing completion on Barry Dock, is the burning issue.

"The Docks Incinerator Action Group (DIAG) and FoE have provided all the information needed to squash this application, with many issues still unresolved.

"Moving Hinckley Nuclear Power Station's mud over the channel to our areas, is also an ongoing concern.

"The rising river levels in Paris last weekend have reminded us of the catastrophic effects Global Warming will have if we do not change course in the few years that remain before the temperature starts to rise beyond our control."

GVS offers free equipment loan for local groups

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) is a local charity based in the Vale that supports community groups by serving the area with a variety of free and low cost services.

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A NEW Living Well with Arthritis support group has started in Barry.

This is being held at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry. If you have arthritis: whether you have been recently diagnosed or have been living with it for some time, we're here with information and support.

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'Better beach access is needed'

says a GEM reader

LAST week, The GEM reported on the dramatic rescue of a cliff faller on the shoreline just below St Mary's Well Bay caravan park. The person was airlifted away by a helicopter.

GEM reader Graham Vodden from Penarth wrote to us explaining that he had raised the issue of easier access to the beach some time ago:

"I read with interest your article in The GEM on page 11 regarding yet another incident at St Mary's Well Bay.

"This is the third in as many years; luckily, it was not more serious and I'm sure the provision of a much-needed access at the bay would have helped considerably in all three incidents.

"I would say this Vale Council has failed to implement their Barry-Penarth Coastal Plan dated 1982 and presented by the Director of Planning Services [1982] in regard to St Mary's Well Bay, pages 5, 9, 13 and 14.

"I first wrote to the Vale Council about this access problem some decades ago, but all I got back were negative responses.

"Many years ago, the Welsh local authorities were allocated £2.4 m from the National Assembly to implement their new responsibilities in regard to improving public rights of way and new access provision under the title Countryside and Rights of Way Act.

"Surely the Vale Council should have made some provision in regard to the access to St Mary's Well Bay? This would have given local families, fishermen and walkers their beach back after being denied access for decades."

Mike Clogg, of the Vale Council, replied: "The council maintains the coast path but there is no public right of way onto the beach at this point, which is privately-owned land. The issue of access to it is a matter for the landowner and not the responsibility of the council.

"There is excellent alternative access to the beach from the car park of the Captain's Wife pub, around 200 metres to the east.

"This access point also has a traffic lights system provided by RNLI, which provides essential information regarding tides. Introduced in 2014, it warns visitors when the tide is rising and when it is unsafe to access the beach."

Songs of the Sea

THE Dinas Powys Branch of the RNLI invite you to join them for a fish and chip supper on Saturday, February 17 in the Parish Hall, Dinas Powys at 7pm.

Entertainment will be provided by Dr Haydn Jones and the Dinas Powys Ecumenical Seven, promising a fun-filled evening of laughter and songs of the sea.

There will be a bar and a raffle and fancy dress with a nautical theme is optional.

Tickets cost £12 and can be purchased from committee members, the Parish Hall or by calling 02920 513515.

Seven-per-cent solution for South Wales Police precept?

THE South Wales Police and Crime Panel has agreed, said a spokesperson, "to a proposed increase in the police precept to maintain neighbourhood policing across south Wales and give police the capacity to protect vulnerable people and a series of major challenges faced by the force".

The rise proposed by Police and Crime Commissioner Alun Michael amounts to £15.45 per year for someone living in a Band D property, but most people across south Wales are likely to pay less. This is less than 33 pence a week for a band D household and is a seven-per-cent rise on the figure for the current year.

Council tax payers in south Wales will still pay less that households in Gwent and significantly less than households in north Wales.

Mr Michael said: "The increase is essential to help maintain the service, while allowing us to protect vulnerable people and continue to invest in the future of policing in south Wales.

"Even with this new level of precept we will have to make savings – that is cut spending – by £3.5 million in the coming year, while tackling significant growth in demand and preventing crime through early intervention and prompt, positive action.

"An increase of £12 – effectively the bar set by the Home Office – means different things in different areas. Some forces say it will let them significantly increase the number of police officers they employ while others are putting significant sums from their reserves into this year's budget. Neither applies in our case – we are squeezing out efficiencies and doing more with less, we are performing extraordinarily well by the standards of HM Inspectorate, but we don't have significant reserves and the increase I have recommended is well below what is needed for a standstill budget.

"We have made tough decisions year after year for a number of years in relation to how we deliver our services. If Home Office ministers want to see increased efficiency and constant improvement, south Wales is the place to come.

"Our effective forward planning, combined with the innovative way in which we work with partners to keep south Wales safe, is why we have been able to continue to meet our challenges against a backdrop of deep financial cuts.

"We have taken a balanced approach to soften the impact on policing in our communities, while keeping the burden on the ratepayer to a minimum. Even with the seven-per-cent increase in the police precept, South Wales Police remains the best value for money police force in terms of the cost to council tax payers in Wales."

The challenges we have to plan for this year include the impact of inflation and a number of specific extra costs, including:

* £2million to fund pay increases – the Government has agreed a two-per-cent increase in pay for officers and staff, but not provided the money to pay for it in the Police Grant.

* £600,000 extra needed to maintain our current level of neighbourhood policing – we greatly appreciate the money provided by Welsh Government to employ an extra 206 Community Support Officers, but it's a flat cash grant this year so we need to put in another £600,000 to keep them all.

* £1million to pay the Treasury's Apprenticeship Levy, which is an extra annual cost that can't be avoided.

The precept was approved at a meeting of the South Wales Police and Crime Panel in Merthyr this week.

The panel was given a detailed overview of financial and operational challenges faced by the force and the steps which have been taken to save money by working more efficiently and effectively.

Mr Michael added: "Despite the financial challenges the force has consistently improved its performance and service to our communities and is recognised as one of the best performing forces in England and Wales.

"Despite the cuts, we have maintained neighbourhood policing, enhanced our commitment to working with partners to prevent crime, continued to invest in technology and responded to the growing operational demands on the service.

"Much of our success has been recognised by Her Majesty's Inspectorate. The level of victim satisfaction is now one of the best in the country and the engagement of our officers in communities is ranked as the best in the UK," he said.

After 2010, the number of police officers in south Wales was cut to 2,800 from a previous high of 3,400. The precept increase will allow police officer numbers to be maintained at their current level including those allocated specifically to dealing with rising demand of online threats and protecting vulnerable people.

Mr Michael has reiterated his commitment to "protect and maintain neighbourhood policing, while at the same time continuing to invest in new technology to improve efficiency and effectiveness".

What do GEM readers think? send your correspondence to editorial@glamorgan-gem.co.uk with your name and contact details.

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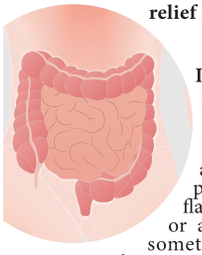
Intestinal problems are no illusion

Scientists get to the bottom of it

Approximately 13 million people in the UK suffer from an irritated bowel, the so-called Irritable Bowel Syndrome (IBS). In the past, people affected were repeatedly labelled as hypochondriacs. Wrongly so! Scientists have found a possible cause for an irritated bowel. But more importantly: they also found a promising relief for IBS, called Kijimea IBS.



IBS: Only one's imagination?

People suffering from an irritated bowel are consistently plagued by bloating, flatulence, diarrhoea or abdominal pain – sometimes alternately, often even simultaneously. For many people affected, a large part of their quality of life is lost. What is almost as severe: Many sufferers feel that their problems are not taken seriously. All too often they are labelled as hypochondriacs. Are they only making up their intestinal problems? Nowadays, scientists say no.

Potential cause: a damaged intestinal barrier

More and more researchers today assume that the typical intestinal problems are caused by a damaged intestinal barrier. The damages enable pollutants and pathogens to penetrate the intestinal wall, triggering the typical symptoms such as bloating or flatulence, diarrhoea or abdominal pain. Luckily, researchers also discovered a unique bifidobacteria strain which can help (only in Kijimea IBS).

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THE Penarth Aviation Society will be meeting on Friday, February 2 at 7.45 for 8pm at the Penarth Conservative Club.

The speaker this month is society member David Ephraim. The talk is entitled: 'The Perils and Pitfalls of being a High Flyer' and will look at the composition of the atmosphere and how it varies with height.

The effects of these changes on such things as the physics of flight and the physiology of respiration will be explored as well as how these problems may be overcome.

Why not join the Society? We meet on the first Friday of the month at the Penarth Conservative Club. Further information may be found on our website (www.penarthaviationsociety.co.uk), Facebook (www.facebook.com/penarthaviationsociety.co.uk) and from our secretary Barrie Howell on 02921 322385.

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CARDIFF CROWN COURT REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A MAN caught taking drugs, tobacco and mobile phones into Parc Prison, Bridgend, has been jailed for 91 weeks at Cardiff Crown Court.

Karl Davies (37) of Railway Terrace, Ogmore Vale, admitted taking prohibited items into the prison and possessing a psychoactive substance with an intent to supply.

Prosecutor John Warren said Davies had attempted to evade security at the prison with a package concealed in his trousers containing Subutex tablets, Spice, tobacco, two mobile phones and a charging unit.

It occurred, said Mr Warren on May 1 when Davies was visiting his brother, who was an inmate.

As Davies was near a sniffer dog, his handler was alerted and he was detained.

He later handed over the items and claimed he had been paid £200 to bring the package in.

The court heard that Davies had 36 convictions for previous offences, including breach of an eight-week suspended sentence for driving under the influence of drugs.

His solicitor, Kim Hartland, said he had been taking drugs since the age of 15.

Judge Jonathan Furness QC told him: "We have considerable problems in our prisons as a result of drugs. The courts will do everything they can to stamp out the supply of contraband items into prison."

NFU is looking for the Next Generation

NFU CYMRU is asking for applicants for a new intake of proactive, enthusiastic young farmers to be part of its Next Generation policy group.

Farmers aged 40 and under from all sectors and all counties of Wales are invited to apply to join the group and to represent the future of the industry. In addition to working with NFU Cymru policy advisers and officeholders, on key policy issues such as Brexit and rural development, members of the group will also get the opportunity to travel to Cardiff Bay and London to meet with government at all levels.

This will be the second intake for the group, which has a two-year term, and provides an opportunity for young farmers to engage with top decision makers, as well as the opportunity to meet similar groups in Ireland and England.

Member of the current group, Annie James, said: "I wanted to get involved with the NFU Cymru Next Generation policy group as I felt that the younger generation need to be part of the conversation at all levels of the industry, and therefore the Union. This group not only enables this, but can lead to integration into other policy groups and boards and will help develop and filter informed younger generation farmers into the Union's wider work and wider industry posts.

"I think this is particularly important in the light of Brexit but also to help keep the work that NFU Cymru does relevant for the future generations of farmers."

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Downsizing a high concept with low returns...

by GARETH JAMIESON
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MATT DAMON has done a lot of things in cinema. He's battled international spies as Jason Bourne, he's fought gigantic monsters on the Great Wall of China, he's been abandoned on Mars, and he's been a less-than-intelligent marionette furious at the actions of Team America.

What he hasn't been, up until now, is shrunk down to five inches tall – but that is exactly what happens in Alexander Payne's *Downsizing*. With the world become ever more congested through over-population, scientists create a way to shrink people down, so that they may live in new, smaller communities, something that interests Paul (Damon) and his wife Audrey (Kristen Wiig).

Deciding to embark on a new chapter in their lives, the pair elect to undergo the procedure – and their lives are irrevocably changed, particularly when Paul meets Vietnamese dissident Ngoc (Hong Chau)...

In a career that has seen him dissect the minutiae of everyday life, *Downsizing* marks Alexander Payne's most technically ambitious and high-concept film yet. It's also, sadly, something of a dull thud of a film, a piece of work that takes its intriguing premise and squanders its potential, veering into mawkish territory.

Payne's films have always dealt with characters disenfranchised with their lives and Paul Safranek is no exception. A man stagnating, ordering takeout from the same bar, being an occupational therapist having given up on his ambitions to be a doctor and living in the same house he was born in, Paul is in need of a pick-me-up.

He sees downsizing as being the answer to his problems, taking his wife and starting afresh in a world of opportunity.

Unsurprisingly, despite what the advertising for Leisureland (the community of choice for those downsizing) says, the grass isn't greener.

Matt Damon is a deft actor, but one who really doesn't connect here, partly the fault of a performance that is too one-note and partly through the script. You want Paul to take that step, to make a difference but he never truly does and it'd difficult to really fall for a character whose inability to seize the day is a running joke among his friends.

There's more life to be found in the supporting performances; Christoph Waltz is laconically fun as Dusan, a dealer of goods that aren't available in Leisureland (such as turning one cigar into several hundred) and living handsomely off it, while the sight of Udo Kier disco-dancing is already one of the indelible images of the year.

But it's Hong Chau's Ngoc who brings the most life to the film. Having been caught sneaking in via a TV box, she may lose a leg but she loses none of her conviction to do the right thing. Her relationship with Paul doesn't truly convince but it allows Chau more of the film and her superb performance – part comic relief, part conscience – is the best thing here.

Payne's ambition to make such a large-scale film (budgetary at least) is refreshing, but it frustrates that he doesn't do more with it. Rather than be a central cog in the story, the premise instead acts as a gateway to what feels like a second story, where the misuse of the planet and ecological concerns come to the forefront and take away any momentum the film was building.

It's not that Payne's voice becomes preachy or self-aggrandising, it's just that the points he's trying to make and the story he's trying to tell could quite easily be told in a separate tale, which means that rather than one cohesive whole, you get an interesting set-up and then a flat second half.

It's a shame that Payne's ambitions aren't fully realised, as there's no doubting his ability as a director and a storyteller. However, *Downsizing* is not his best work and feels both disappointing and frustrating in equal measure.

VERDICT: A high concept with low returns, *Downsizing* is a disappointing effort from writer-director Alexander Payne. Matt Damon's less-than-engaging central performance doesn't help, and while there is some energy from the supporting players, notably Hong Chau's Ngoc, the film's dive into loftier concerns in the second half results in a unengaging piece of work. *Poor*.

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AN exhibition of photos and news clippings commemorating the centenary of women gaining the right to vote will take place in three Vale libraries from February 3 to 17.

The exhibition, organised by the Vale of Glamorgan Labour Women's Forum, is a record of the suffragettes' campaigns and links to local events, such as the public meeting where leading suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst spoke in Barry in 1905.

Labour Women's Officer Sandra Perkes said: "We all owe a huge debt of gratitude to brave women like Emmeline Pankhurst, Millicent Fawcett and Emily Davison who fought an incredibly difficult battle. Without their struggles and sacrifices we would not have the basic human right to a say in who governs us, as, before 1918, no woman, whatever her circumstances, status or wealth, was allowed to vote.

"Our members were so interested to read about Emmeline Pankhurst's public meeting here in Barry, and her spirited response to questions about whether women should be given the right to vote. She was cheered when she declared that 'a free man could not be born of a slave mother'.

"We also see this as an opportunity to celebrate women who have made a difference here in the Vale, including Dame Dorothy Rees MP [elected February 23, 1950, but lost her seat October 24, 1951], the first, and so far only, female MP to represent Barry. We hope that everyone will enjoy our exhibitions, at Barry, Dinas Powys and Cowbridge libraries."

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Vale Rural Watch campaign launched down on the farm

FARMERS from across the Vale made their way to Blackland Farm in Bonvilston recently for the launch of a regional Rural Watch campaign.

Also in attendance were representatives from agencies including South Wales Police, Natural Resources Wales and South Wales Fire and Rescue Services.

The farm's cow shed was the perfect setting for Rural Watch, which was launched by the Safer Vale Partnership to improve the relationship between the farming community and agencies which can help them.

It was set up following concerns that farmers were not engaging with authorities to report crime. In a survey at the Vale Show, 40 per cent of farmers said that they had been a victim of crime in the past 12 months, yet police records showed that many had not reported it.

Farmers are affected by a range of crimes. Often these crimes are difficult to investigate and require specific expertise.

At the centre of Rural Watch is a pledge from the police to better understand the unique needs of the farming community. There is also the pledge to investigate what matters to them and to listen and better engage with them on a regular basis.

Members of the local farming and rural communities, and representatives from South Wales Police, Safer Vale Partnership, South Wales Fire and Rescue Service, Natural Resources Wales, and the National Farmers Union at the launch of Rural Watch at Blackland Farm recently.

South Wales Police Wildlife Crime officer Mark Goulding said: "The Vale is a largely rural area; we understand that farmers have very specific needs and it concerned us that they were not reporting incidents or sharing information about suspicious incidents. The farming community are our eyes and ears, and we need them to tell us what's going on in their community. It is critical that we work with them to address any misconceptions or failings of the past and that is what Rural Watch is about – building relationships and trust with farmers from across the region."

When asked, 80 per cent of farmers said they would like communication through social media as part of the Rural Watch scheme. In response to that, Rural Watch is also launching a Facebook page which they hope will further benefit communication with and between local farmers.

The Rural Watch pledge asks for one thing in return from the farming community – that they engage with the police, report incidents and share information.

Rachel Saunders, from the Farmers Union of Wales, said: "Every year, rural crime costs millions of pounds and causes untold anxiety to farmers and rural businesses.

"Sadly, farmers and landowners are only too familiar with rural crime, such as livestock or machinery thefts, dog attacks on livestock, hare coursing or fly tipping. I hope that through the Rural Watch campaign, we can make good progress in reducing rural crime.

"I hope that more farmers will speak up about the crime they encounter, so that the police can more effectively help them and target rural criminality." **RC**

Local volunteering event 'a success'

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services' (GVS) second Mini Volunteering Event at Penarth took place on January 25 in the town centre library.

With seven organisations showcasing their local opportunities for volunteers to gain new skills and meet new people, the event had nearly double the number of visitors than previous events.

Catrin Hall of Wales Air Ambulance said: "This was a great location and the visitors we had showed a great interest in volunteering."

Paul Warren, operational manager at GVS, said: "We were delighted to have so many people attending the event. GVS are grateful for the continued support from many organisations, and the public, who always support these events.

"There are lots of benefits to volunteering, such as developing skills, gaining qualifications and supporting a cause you care about. Whatever your reason for volunteering, you can expect to have lots of fun and meet some great people".

Keep in touch with GVS through Facebook, Twitter and visit its website to get more information on other volunteering events across the Vale in Barry, Llantwit Major, Cowbridge and Penarth.

Contact Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) on 01446 741706, email enquiries@gvs.wales or visit www.gvs.wales.

Haggis versus bara brith

THE team at Llandow-based local craft brewery Tomos a Lilford open their doors to the public on February 3 for the Wales versus Scotland match from 1pm to 11pm, with street food for supporters on both sides.

Two local bakers are joining the brewers, The Fruitcakes are cooking up haggis hand-pies (traditional and vegetarian), while celebrated local bara brith hero, Baked By Mel, is covering pudding with delicious spiced fruit and ale loaves.

All profits will be donated to the Refugee Community Kitchen charity.

Tomos a Lilford director, Rob Lilford said:"We'd love to see everyone on Saturday: come, relax and watch the Wales v Scotland match while enjoying a pint or two with fantastic food from our two favourite bakers, and support an excellent cause at the same time.

"Homemade haggis pies, washed down with fine craft ale and followed by delicious fruit and ale bread are just the thing for a gloomy winter weekend.

"The team will also be on hand to offer beer tasting. We'd also like to thank everyone who generously helped us to raise £160 for Ty Hafan in December."

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Lettings agent negligence cases are 'on the up'

NEWBOLD SOLICITORS has noticed an increase in claims brought by landlords against their lettings agent.

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Most agents are professional, and they work within their professional boundaries, but some (in the misplaced belief they are helping landlords), work outside of the rules governing the provision of legal services, for example, agents dealing with legal matters by corresponding on behalf of the landlord, providing them with legal advice and even some, signing court documents and attending court.

By providing advice and engaging in legal activities, they may be breaching *The Legal Services Act 2007* and *Civil Procedure Rule 22*.

An agent may not be acting in your best interest regarding the management of your property portfolio, collecting rent and inspecting your properties for damage caused by the tenants.

If you believe that your agent has been providing you with legal advice, then you may wish to report them to the Property Ombudsman, or ask our legal team to consider the advice and service provided and decide whether it may result in a negligence claim.

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Even if you have signed a form of authority for the agent to represent you and that includes a lasting power of attorney, the agent is not permitted to sign court documents on your behalf or speak for you at court.

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An expert's advice could help to avoid any dispute

BRENDAN SWEENEY, of David Prosser & Co Solicitors, writes:

It is estimated that 60 per cent of the UK population does not have a will.

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Probate disputes and challenges to wills are becoming a growth area, which often leads to substantial costs.

We now live in a world where family relationships are often very complex, and expert advice regarding the drafting of a will is essential.

A professional advisor can also advise you in relation to inheritance tax, and how you plan to minimise potential liabilities to inheritance tax.

It is important that people are fully aware of their duties and financial responsibilities when they make a will, to ensure that they comply with the technicalities that are required to have a valid Will.

The cost of a professionally-drafted will, after taking advice, is considerably less than the costs that can be incurred if there is a dispute regarding your financial affairs after your death.

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Thinking of living together?

WHILE married or civil partner couple families are still the most common, the number of cohabiting couple families has more than doubled between 1996 and 2016, from 1.5 million to 3.3 million and the trend looks set to increase.

The myth of the 'common law marriage' persists, and when people realise there is no such thing, they are often hazy about their legal status, and ignorant about the steps they could, or should, take to protect their legal position.

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SUPER SALE AT SAMANTHA B!

I hope the new year is going well so far for you?

At the moment we are having a huge clearance sale to make room for the new season.

There are some fantastic genuine bargains to be had, from lovely Olsen jumpers and a few pairs of jeans to sparkly dresses.

Last week we dressed a lady going to a special wedding - she looked gorgeous and all at a fraction of the original price. There is also a bargain rail with great pieces from £3 per piece for example, and the last remaining poppy jumpers, skirts and trousers are £5, so what are you waiting for?

The new season Olsen is going well - Olsen and Bianca always offer wonderful transitional pieces in gorgeous colours.

Olsen have given us warm pinks , lovely denim blue and cool mint designed to tone with all neutral colours lovely!

Bianca have gorgeous neutral palette monochrome, which always looks stylish whatever the season, accented with pink for a splash of colour. Bianca tops are always feminine with a twist - call in and see for yourself and get 10 per cent off with this advert.

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The Sew Lovely Makery offers a variety of sewing workshops for all abilities, including the ever popular machine sewing for absolute beginners, dress and bag making, free motion embroidery and patchwork to name but a few.

Visit the website for details www.sewlovelypenarth.com

Most classes are delivered by Carol, who is a very experienced sewing tutor; she has a BA in textile design and is also a local textile artist.

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Giggles hosts 'Grand Opening'

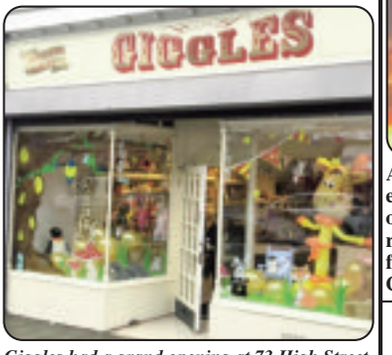
ON Saturday, January 27, local toy and gift shop Giggles had a grand opening to celebrate relocating to 73 High Street, Barry.

The owner Jill Mathews told The GEM: "We had a wonderful day. Everybody was very complimentary about the shop – the toys, the artwork on the windows and my sign.

"'Magical', 'traditional', 'gorgeous' were some of the words used."

Jill added: "It was fab that lots of my Giggles' friends came in to say 'hi' and to wish me luck in my new shop."

Jill Mathews in her new shop.



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Dawn 'Braves the Shave' at Jenner Park

Dawn (to the left) with her family who were at the fundraiser

Afterwards with her parents.

DAWN JENKINS had her 'Brave the Shave' at Jenner Park on January 26, in aid of Velindre Cancer Care.

It was Dawn's 'thank you' to the centre for the help the charity gave her father.

Dawn explained: "My dad spent a considerable amount of time at the centre as he underwent treatment for prostate cancer.

"I wanted to raise funds for the centre to say 'thank you' to those providing the care and to give something back to those that have suffered from this terrible disease."

Dawn set herself a target of £340, but as of Monday this week, she had smashed it and had raised £422, she's also got more sponsorship to come in so the total will increase.

Lots of friends left supportive messages on Dawn's JustGiving page, including Stephanie who said: "Sorry I wasn't there in time to cut some off…this is my donation that I would have given last night. I am so incredibly proud of you; you're such an inspiration!"

To support Dawn's fundraiser, go to: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/dawn-jenkins4.

Car conflagration

The fire service later extinguished the blaze.

A CAR was engulfed in flames on the A4232 link road, which runs from the M4 to Cardiff Bay.

It caught fire on the stretch of road between junction 33 and the St Fagans turn-off.

A Fire Service spokeswoman said: "At 9.08am on Wednesday, January 24, South Wales Fire Service received reports of a car fire on the link road A4232 southbound.

"Two appliances, one from Ely and another from Barry, attended the scene and used two hose reel jets and breathing apparatus. The fire was accidental."

Police officers helped with traffic control while the fire was extinguished.

Both lanes were reopened by 9.40am.

There were no reports of anyone being injured.

Clarification: Wonderwool

IN last week's GEM, a letter was run stating that £4,500 was raised from the sale of knitted poppies.

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Vale Council celebrates another stellar year at the Building Excellence Awards

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The evening was attended by the Mayor, Cllr Janice Charles and her consort Alan Charles, the Chair of Planning Committee, Cllr Benjamin Gray, Leader Cllr John Thomas and Cabinet member for Regeneration and Planning, Cllr Jonathan Bird.

The event was also attended by Vale Council's Managing Director, Rob Thomas, along with the Building Control Team and the sponsors of the event

Cabinet member for Regeneration and Planning, Cllr Jonathan Bird, said: "The nominations in every category were of the very highest quality and I congratulate all the winners who will now have the chance to compete against the winners from 13 other councils in south Wales in the South Wales Building Excellence awards 2018 at the Vale of Glamorgan Hotel and Spa Resort, on April 27.

"I am also hopeful that some of these schemes will go forward to the Building Excellence award national finals, which will be held in London in November.

"The awards have shown the quality of work that is being undertaken throughout the Vale and we are proud to be rewarding and encouraging quality in the construction industry.

"Our thanks must also go out to the sponsors, who have enabled the event to be firmly placed in the annual diary: Nina Estate Agents, The Glamorgan GEM, The Vale Resort, ACD Skip and Recycling, Ivorfire and Jewsons, along with Cromar."

The evening also raised a massive £651.79 on the night for children's charities.

The award winners who will go forward to the South Wales event are:

Extension and alterations: S J Building & Property Maintenance for Ogney Brook House, Llantwit Major. Best change of use or conversion: Mr & Mrs Long for Ashby House, Maendy. Best individual new home: Pen Carreg, Bonvilston. Best social housing project: M & J Cosgrove Construction for Dochdwy Road, Llandough. Best small new housing development: W K Plasterers, for Sea Lawns, Ogmore By Sea. Best educational building: John Weaver Contractors for the New Sports Hall at Atlantic College, St Donats. Best small commercial build: Gordon Hadfield for On The Rocks, Swanbridge. Best partnership project: Varco Consultants, for various projects. Best site agent: Stephen Northam of Taylor Wimpey. Best local builder: S J Building & Property Maintenance for various works.

The awards were presented by the Vale of Glamorgan Building Control, Charles Hunter and Maria Webber, also by Jewson manager Gareth Owen, national sponsors of the event.

The Council wish all of the above schemes good luck in progressing to the national awards finals. **CS**

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

UNITED WELSH HOUSING ASSOCIATION

ST JAMES ROAD, WICK

United Welsh Housing Association together with the Vale of Glamorgan Council announces the new development at St James Road, Wick.

Expressions of interest are invited from Homes4u members with a local connection to Wick. A local lettings policy applies to this scheme.

• 9 x 2 bed, 4 person houses at St James Road, Wick, CF71 7QW. Rent: £104.10 plus a £5.09 service charge. Weekly total = £109.19

There is a w/c downstairs and family bathroom upstairs. Building works on site are expected to finish the start of April 2018.

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1 Room available in shared house

Expressions of interest will be accepted from:

- Single applicants who are under 35
- Applicants who are willing to attend Tenancy Ready Training
- Applicants who are willing to be assessed under Rooms4U criteria

Property Details:

- 1 Double Room
- Top Floor Property
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- Rent & Service Charge from £80pw
- Includes utilities, carpets & white goods
- Close to local amenities & transport links
- Available Mid February

See @Rooms4UWales on facebook or twitter for more information

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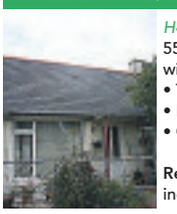

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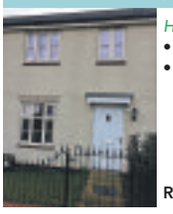

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Hospice nurses receive awards after colleagues nominated them

TWO hospice nurses have been presented with awards by the charity they work for, after colleagues nominated them.

Faye Russell-Jones and Anna Crosby, who both work on the at the Marie Curie Cardiff and the Vale Hospice, were presented with the 'People Awards' along with other Marie Curie colleagues and volunteers.

Both began working at the hospice in January last year, Faye in her first job since graduating. She collected the 'Young Person People Award'.

"My passion for end of life care began on my first placement as a student at Cardiff University," she said.

"I had a fantastic mentor who inspired me. This is my first job as a qualified nurse and my dream role.

"We can make a difference to people's lives and can help to fulfil their final wishes. It is an incredible honour, and I am very proud to say that I am a Marie Curie Nurse."

Anna has worked in nursing for 15 years, and previously worked in the community with palliative nurses.

She said she felt overwhelmed and humbled when she discovered she had won the Always Compassionate People Award.

Speaking about her work in palliative care, she said: "I think it's a privilege to be with someone at this stage of their life, and to provide an environment where you can give someone and their family the best death that they can have."

She describes the hospice in Penarth as a "beautiful place", adding: "It can be like home for a patient if they want to die with us. Some people may go home and come back again. It's such a supportive environment."

Anna's nominator described her as 'kind, compassionate and inspirational'.

Faye Russell-Jones with her 'Young People Person' award from Jane Collins, Marie Curie chief executive and Jackie Freeman, director of corporate services.

Anna Crosby receives her award.

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Barrivale Bridge

THE results for the Barrivale Bridge Club on January 23 are as follows.

The top three places were: first, Mick Green and Denise Mottram 67.50 per cent; second, Mark Roderick and Jenny Vaughan 65.24 per cent; third, Jane Brook and Sean MacDougall 63.33 per cent.

The handicap winners were Jane Brook and Sean MacDougall.

As always, new members are welcome at the club and a partner can be arranged if required. If you would like to join us call 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 or call in at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesday evening at 7pm.

While our current class for beginners continues to run on Friday mornings, new members wishing to start will be able to join the next beginner's class commencing in September 2018.

LINDA HOUSTON

Plastic tide at Ogmore

NOT a very pretty photo but one that is topical at the moment.

This is the field between the river Ewenny and River Ogmore after the recent high tide, combined with flood water from the rivers.

This photo convinces me to use less plastic and ensure that the plastic I do use is recycled rather than dumped.

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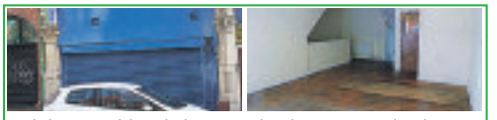

• A shop unit with large dry basement and ample storage situated on the main thoroughfare of west Holton Road.
• Include fully fitted kitchen, ladies and gents wash facilities.
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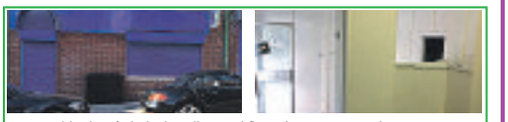
Holton Road, Barry - £11,500 p.a.



• Newly refurbished small ground floor shop unit situated on upper Thompson Street • Comprising Reception area with steps rising to main shop area. Toilet facility. • Public car park nearby.
• Rent is plus VAT. This unit may qualify for small business rate relief.

Holton Road, Barry - £5,500 p.a.

• An opportunity to lease a large double unit located on the busy thoroughfare of Broad Street in the popular west end of Barry.
• Close to all local amenities and Barry Island.
• Commercial unit briefly comprising; large main retail area, kitchen and W.C.

Broad Street, Barry - £11,000 p.a.

• An opportunity to lease a unit in the main thoroughfare of High Street in the west end of Barry due to tenant relocating.
• Shop unit briefly comprising; shop area, kitchen, W.C. and basement.

High Street, Barry - £9,500 p.a.

• An opportunity to lease a ground floor unit to the east end of Holton Road with A1 and A2 use.
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Peacefully on the 28th December after a short illness at the University Hospital of Wales, Syd, aged 93 years, passed away. Husband to the late Vera, father to Brian and Raymond.

He will be missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service at Coychurch Crematorium on Monday, 12th February at 12 noon.

In lieu of flowers, donations if wished, for MIND (cheques only please) may be sent to the funeral home.

CORRIGAN
Brian

Sadly passed away on 9th January 2018 at the University Hospital of Wales. Much loved dad, bampy, brother and uncle.

Brian will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Funeral service to take place at Cardiff & Glamorgan crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Friday, 2nd February at 4pm. Donations for a memorial bench, in lieu of flowers, will be greatly received by Brian's family, these can be made at the service or at the Bassett pub afterwards. Resting at Robert D. Johnson Funeral Directors, 29 Holton Road, Barry.

BAKER
Gwendoline

Passed away peacefully on Saturday, 20th January 2018, aged 87. Wife of the late Roy Leonard Baker. Mother of Lynda, Helen, Peter and the late Paul Baker. Mother-in-law to Gordon, Phil, Julie and Annette. Grandmother of five and great grandmother of eight.

Gwen will be missed by all her family and friends.

The funeral will take place at The Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry on Wednesday, 7th February at 12 noon. Post-funeral reception at Wenvoe Golf Club. Family flowers only. Donations, if so desired, can be made at the service or to The British Heart Foundation c/o Park Funerals, 7 Tynewydd Road, Barry, CF62 8HB.

The family would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff at Caremark (Cardiff) and her neighbours for their care, especially over the last few months.

BECK
William (Billy)

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HIGNELL
Stuart Charles

Peacefully after a short illness at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, Stuart, beloved husband of Jean, much loved father to Colin, Stuart and Martin. Father-in-law to Becca and Lee, loving granddad to all his grandchildren.

Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W. James & Sons, Fonmon. Funeral Monday, 5th February, service and cremation 2.45pm at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend. No flowers by request, donations if desired, to Motor Neurone Disease Association c/o the funeral director.

ANDREWS
Jane Barbara (Née Viveash)

Suddenly on 21st January at UHW Cardiff, Jane, aged 59 years of Cadoxton, Councillor and former Mayor of Barry Town Council. Loved daughter of Margaret and the late Jim, will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

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WILSON
Ray

Ray, aged 90 years, of Llantwit Major, passed away on 22nd January in the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend. Former Chairman of Llantwit Major Amateur Boxing Club, and former President of Llantwit Major Lions. Beloved husband of Kay, a dearly loved dad, grandad and great grandad.

He will be greatly missed by his loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown Funeralcare, Llantwit Major until the service in St Illtud's Church on Friday, 9th February at 1pm afterwards to Boverton Cemetery. Family flowers only please, if wished donations for Llantwit Major Amateur Boxing Club, may be forwarded to the funeral home.

THOMAS
Gareth Richard

Suddenly on 10 January at home, Gareth Richard, aged 74 years of Gwenog Court previously of Sycamore Crescent, Barry. Beloved husband of the late Sue. Dearly loved father of Claire. Loving brother of Marilyn and Judith.

Gareth will be sadly missed by all of his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Wednesday, 7 February. Service in the chapel at 2pm, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry. Family flowers only. If desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral for Ty-Hafan Childrens Hospice in Wales.

DEAVES
Gordon Eric

Peacefully at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Gordon, much loved husband of Patricia, loving father of Jennifer, Suzanne and the late Gordon Eric Jnr. Father-in-law to Trevor and Hugh. Fond grandfather of Rebecca, Natalie and Louise.

He will be sadly missed by all.

Funeral service at Coychurch Crematorium on Thursday, 8 February at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, to a charity of your choice.

UPHILL
Samuel Christian Philip Edward (Sam Harrison)

Peacefully passed away, surrounded by his family at the UHW on the 8th January 2018. 21 years of age of Barry. Beloved son of Samantha and Christian, brother of Gemma and Jordan, adored grandson, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend.

Sami will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Resting at Robert D. Johnson until the service on Wednesday, 7th February 3pm at the Memorial Hall, followed by a committal at Barry Crematorium for close family and friends. Family flowers only. Special thanks to Louisa Jacques, the paramedics and staff at Critical Care at the UHW and all friends, family and well wishers who have helped us at this tragic time.

NICHOLLS
Anthony

Tony (former chef of Chandlers, Penarth), sadly passed away on 14 January at the Princess of Wales Hospital, Bridgend, aged 64 years. Beloved husband of Jane, brother to the late Michael, much loved brother-in-law to Irene. Uncle to Robert and Marc. Loved by Jane's family, brother-in-law to Ray and the late Roger. Uncle to Soraya, Rachel, Sharon and Anne.

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GUTHRIE
Yvonne (Née Rees)

Malcolm, Deborah and Susan would like to thank all the people who sent sympathy cards and attended her funeral at St Illtyd's Church, Llantwit Major and the Barry Crematorium, we were overwhelmed by the support and love shown for Yvonne.

Special mention to Rev. Rhian Prime and the funeral services of W. James and Sons of Fonmon, who helped us through these sad times. Beautiful family flowers from the Bay Tree, Cowbridge, also thanks to the caterer Mark at Brynhill Golf Club for the excellent food. Special thanks to the people who attended from San Diego, USA, Scotland, Havant, Milford Haven, Newport and Port Talbot.

Also thanks to the nursing staff on the E6 ward, Llandough Hospital who looked after Yvonne, and all the individual donations sent to the Alzheimer's Society.

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Ann Marion Wright

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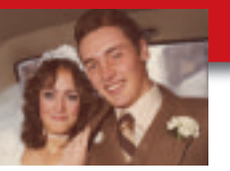

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Watch Found
Ladies vintage sovereign 9ct gold watch found in Asda (Barry) car park. Roughly in November. The watch is engraved with a personal message on the inside of the clasp. Also has 2 gold charms attached.
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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area / Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2018/00033/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed erection of detached two storey dwelling on Land at Porth y Green
Location:/Lleoliad: Vacant land, Porth y Green, Castle Hill Road, Llanblethian, Cowbridge
Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth Llanblethian

Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2017/01335/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Installation of through floor lift to benefit disabled person
Location:/Lleoliad: Penarth Yacht Club, Esplanade. Penarth
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2018/00017/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Non-illuminated descriptor text mounted onto 5mm clear acrylic panel
Location:/Lleoliad: 27, High Street, Cowbridge
Listed Building:/Adeilad Rhestredig Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest / Ceisiadau o Ddiddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2017/01333/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: The provision of an amended functions area within the outer courtyard, development to the north of the castle to provide a new restaurant, bar and servicing facilities, along with hard and soft landscaping.
Location:/Lleoliad: Hensol Castle, Hensol Castle Park, Hensol

Application No:/
Rhif y cais: 2017/01356/RES
Proposal:/Cynnig: Construction of new District Centre comprising of 57 residential apartments, 1,885sq.m food & drink use (A3), 390sq.m flexible commercial use (D1/D2/A3), together with associated infrastructure works, parking and landscaping
Location:/Lleoliad: Land at Barry Waterfront, Barry

Details may be inspected for 21 days at the address given below, or via **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

Gall manylion eu harchwilio am 21 diwrnod yn y cyfeiriad a roddir isod, neu drwy **http://vogonline.planning-register.co.uk/**

Dated / Dyddiedig: 1 February, 2018
V. L. Robinson
Operational Manager,
Regeneration and Planning,
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

LICENSING ACT 2003
Section 17 (5)
Notice of Application for a Premises Licence
NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT
An application has been made to Bridgend County Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) for a **PREMISES LICENCE** To permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises shown below.
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Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below:
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Netballers are double Welsh champions!

The A team.

The B team.

THE Cardiff & Vale under-16 netball squad competed at the Welsh under-16 Inter-Counties Championships on Saturday, January 20.

The squad of 28 players were selected in September from over 150 girls from all the secondary schools in Cardiff & Vale.

The squads were split into the A team tournament and the B team tournament. The A squad had one of the hardest matches to start against a talented NE side but kept their composure to secure the win.

The girls set their mark for the tournament and were formidable beating ANT and GV, both strong counties, pulling on all their experience and mental toughness to secure these victories, and play some outstanding netball to secure the Welsh title.

The B squad were incredible all day and won all their matches by some margin and showed excellent composure under pressure to become well deserved Welsh champions. All the secondary schools should be extremely proud of these netballers and what they have achieved.

A squad: Malkia Beadle (c), St Teilos; Abbie Paterson (vc), Corpus Christi; Grace Connolly, Ysgol Bro Ederyn; Mabli Evans, Ysgol Bro Ederyn; Niamh Sultana, Stanwell; Georgia Hellerman, St Richard Gwyn; Elen Jones, Ysgol Glantaf; Macy Morgan, Ysgol Glantaf; Elli Beddall, Cardiff High School; Alyssa Colderley, Stanwell; Lowri Clarke, Ysgol Bro Ederyn; Catrin Roy, Cowbridge; Ophelia Scott, Stanwell.

B squad: Gwenno Manley (c), Ysgol Glantaf; Jessica Richards-Clode (vc), Ysgol Bro Ederyn; Thea Mycroft, Cardiff High School; Macy White, St Cyres; Hannah Jones, Ysgol Glantaft; Nia Davies, Ysgol Glantaf; Maisy Gibbs, Stanwell; Olivia Tyso, Stanwell; Ella Forsyth, Bryn Hafren; Catrin Mackie, Ysgol Glantaf; Tanisha Griffiths, Ysgol Bro Ederyn; Hannah Williams, Stanwell; Abbie Price, Llantwit Major; Alexa Browning, Cowbridge; Beth Edwards, Cowbridge.

Coaches: Melanie Hellerman, Corpus Christi; Melissa Hunter, Stanwell.

MH

LOOKING BACK WITH BRIAN LEE

WHEN the first ever handicap hunter chase - the £8,739 JC Milton Contractors Hunters' Chase – was staged at Newton Abbot in 2000, Welsh riders took the first three places.

The race was won in good style by *Bullens Bay,* who, partnered by the Vale's Fiona Wilson, a 23 year-old student studying sports science, waited until the last fence to pass the fancied *King Torus*.

The 11-year-old, which had started at odds of 16-1, rewarded his tote backers with a dividend of £44.80 to a £1 stake.

Bullens Bay, a former inmate of National Hunt trainer Bernard Llewellyn's Bargoed yard, was qualified with the Ystrad Hunt and was owned and trained by Pontypridd's John Milton, who had paid 1,100 guineas for him a couple of seasons earlier.

The runner-up, *King Torus*, was ridden by west Wales' Jamie Jukes, the 1996 national point-to-point riders' champion, and the third horse home, Mr Dow Jones, was partnered by Ogmore-by-Sea's Christian Williams, who was to go on to be a successful National Hunt jockey and who is now making a name for himself as a National Hunt trainer.

A certain Tom Scudamore finished in 12th and last place on *Desert Calm*.

BRIAN LEE

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Understanding brake disc skimming…

WHEN you're told that your brake discs need replacing because they're 'lipped' or have 'run-out' you could be saving money and resurfacing your existing discs.

Brake discs only need replacing if they're at the minimum thickness or if they've suffered heat damage.

Disc brakes guarantee the ultimate in brake deceleration, but the balancing is more vital than you might have realised. For optimum braking efficiency the brake pads and discs must be completely flat and parallel. The friction between pads and discs understandably produces significant heat, wearing the surfaces each time the brakes are used.

The pads inevitably wear out before the discs (most disc sets will last for two sets of pads) and when a new set of pads are installed the disc surface will not be completely flat and suited to the new pads. Wear defects and imbalances cause unwanted symptoms.

'Brake disc run-out' is when the brake discs are oscillating, the discs are distorted. The discs and pads are not in line and the oscillation can be felt through the steering wheel.

'Brake disc thickness variation' is when there is a difference in thickness of disc measured at various parts of the radius. The resulting 'judder' can be felt through the brake pedal.

'Uneven surface / lips' is where the disc surface is pitted and rough, usually with a noticeable lip at the edge. This causes high or low frequency brake vibration and squeal.

Most vehicle manufacturers agree that the only real solution to resolve brake disc problems is to realign the discs on the car ensuring that the hub, discs and pads are all aligned. Using an on-car brake lathe accounts for any variation in the hub and eliminates surface flaws completely. Alignment is carried out from the mounting surface of the brake calliper ears, guaranteeing perfect adjustment and alignment.

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COACHES' CONTRACTS EXTENDED AT LLANTWIT MAJOR RFC

WITH both the first and second team games unfortunately being postponed due to waterlogged fields, then it was left to the boardroom to lift the gloom in the Llantwit Major RFC clubhouse this week as they announced that they will be extending the contracts for their senior coaches Stuart Edbrooke and Rob Morgan through to the 2018/19 season.

Chairman Rhodri Davies said: "I am delighted that both our coaches have committed their futures to the club as I know there has been considerable interest from other clubs in procuring their talents.

"Llantwit Rugby Club is on an exciting journey on and off the field at the moment – Stuart and Rob are a vital part of that."

Head coach Stuart Edbrooke combines his role with playing at centre or in the back row and although in only his first year of coaching brings a wealth of experience having played for several seasons in the Championship with Tata Steel and Division 1 at Bridgend Athletic.

Edbrooke said: "I'm immensely proud to have the opportunity to be a further part of this club where I started my rugby career as a mini and junior. I have always thought of Llantwit as a sleeping giant in community rugby and I am looking forward to kicking on with the next phase of our senior teams development."

Assistant coach Rob Morgan was equally thrilled, stating: "I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the players this season and glad that with this extension we can now look at improving and enhancing players' skill sets as they evolve as a team."

Rob brings knowledge, experience and expertise to the partnership from his time as a player and coach at Division 2 Gilfach Goch, but also has deep roots in the Llantwit club as his father, grandfather and several uncles all played in the blood and black jersey.

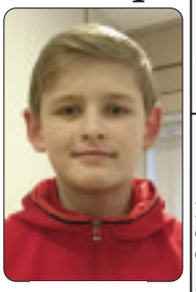
Rob added: "I'm also proud to carry on the Morgan ancestry within the club especially as Llantwit rugby heads towards its 130th birthday having been formed in 1889."

There are no fixtures for a fortnight as the first Six Nations break commences. The clubhouse will be showing all the games throughout the tournament, and there is plenty of room for all ages members and non members alike.

The first game kicks off at 2.15pm with Wales v Scotland with a special drink offer and coffee, tea and food also available – come and support your nation and local rugby club.

AH

Will gets Wales call-up



WELL done to Cowbridge Comprehensive School's Will Stancombe in year 9 who has been selected to train with Wales' under-15 football team.

A fantastic achievement; congratulations, Will.

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Cowbridge RFC are thwarted by the weather

IF only we could have played on Friday when the playing conditions were perfect!

However, by the final inspection at 11.30am on Saturday morning the pitch was only fit for ducks or water polo.

This was the second weather-related postponement against Tonyrefail and now with three games already outstanding, fixture secretary Dave Breed is going to be a busy boy.

Still, there is respite from the league for the next two weeks with internationals on consecutive weekends, and the club will be showing all games on the four screens so come down and have a great afternoon.

There are still places available on the club bus (departing 12 noon) for the Scotland game - contact the club on Thursday evening to secure a seat.

There will also be a bus for the Italy (March 11) and France (March 17) games and lists for these two are already on the notice board in the clubhouse.

So, here's to a great Six Nations and if you're not going to the games the rugby club is the place to be.

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Alan's Catterick dead heat

IN the Racing To School Novices' Hurdle at far flung Catterick last week Alan Johns, riding the Tim Vaughan-trained *Jaunty Flyer*, which had made the long journey from Aberthin, dead-heated with *TeleComponents Lad.*

Jaunty Flyer went off the 4-5 favourite in a field of 10 runners.

EVAN'S HEREFORD WINNER

LLANCARFAN trainer Evan Williams landed the £5,317 ROA/ Racing Post Owners' Jackpot Beginners' Chase at Hereford on Monday, January 29 with his six-year-old *Report To Base*, who, under Grand National winning rider Leighton Aspell, came home 10 lengths ahead of the Kerry Lee-trained *Shear Rock*.

Report To Base, owned by point-to-point stalwarts William and Angela Rucker of Worcestershire, was strongly fancied and was returned the 4-11 favourite.

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16 66 FORD FOCUS 1.0 ecoBOOST Zetec S 5dr automatic, Ford warranty Oct 2019, DAB, Bluetooth, 10k, white.....**£12495**
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17 66 FORD FOCUS 2.0 TDCI ST-3 5dr, Ford warranty Feb 2020, sat nav, 19"alloys, DAB, 10k, white, full leather.....**£19495**
15 15 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium X Sport AWD 5dr Powershift automatic, Ford warranty July 2018, pan roof, 19"alloys, 28k, black, full leather.....**£16495**
15 65 FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr (Appearance Pack) Ford warranty Oct 2018, cruise, 23k, black, half leather...**£13495**
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16 66 FORD MONDEO 2.0 TDCI Titanium 5dr Powershift, Ford warranty Nov 2019, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, 11k, magnetic grey **£15995**
14 14 HONDA CR-V 2.2 I-DTEC SE 5dr, cruise, Bluetooth, reverse camera, alloys, met red **£11495**
14 64 HYUNDAI i30 1.6 CRDI Bluedrive Active 5dr, Hyundai warranty Dec 2019, cruise, USB, PDC, 22k, grey **£8495**
15 65 HYUNDAI i40 1.7 CRDI BlueDrive SE Estate DCT automatic, sat nav, reverse camera, black **£11995**
14 64 HYUNDAI IX35 1.7 CRDI Premium 5dr, Hyundai warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, reverse camera, black, full leather.....**£10495**
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15 15 MAZDA 6 2.2 D SE-L NAV Estate, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, white **£10995**

15 65 MAZDA 6 2.2 D Sport Nav 4dr, Mazda warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, heated seats, 28k, silver, full leather **£13495**

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16 65 MERCEDES A180 D Sport 5dr &G-DCT automatic, reverse camera, full leather, choice **£14995**

14 14 MERCEDES B180 CDI Sport 5dr 7G-DCT, 18"alloys, reverse camera, 35k, grey, full leather **£12995**

14 63 MERCEDES B200 CDI SE 5dr, sat nav, PDC, white **£10995**

14 64 MERCEDES C180 AMG Sport Edition (Premium Plus) 2dr Coupe 7G-Tronic Plus, pan roof, sat nav, cruise, reverse camera, 15k, silver with half-leather **£17995**

15 65 MERCEDES C200 D Sport 4dr 7G-Tronic automatic (Premium plus pack), sat nav, parktronic, reverse camera, heated seats, met grey, full beige leather **£20995**

15 15 MERCEDES C250 CDI AMG Sport 2dr coupe 7G-Tronic Plus, Mercedes warranty Sep 2018, 18"alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, 15k, silver, half leather **£16995**

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15 65 MERCEDES E220 CDI BlueTec AMG Line Cabriolet 7G-Tronic Plus, Mercedes warranty October 2018, sat nav, 18"alloys, white, full leather **£21995**

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13 63 MERCEDES E220 AMG Sport 4dr 7G-Tronic plus, sat nav, xenons, grey, full leather **£14795**

15 65 MERCEDES E220 CDI BlueTec AMG Night Edition 7-G Tronic Plus, Mercedes warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, privacy glass, choice, full leather **£17495**

14 64 MERCEDES E250 CDI AMG Sport 4dr 7G-Tronic plus, panoramic roof, sat nav, 13k, silver, half leather/alcantara **£20995**

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15 65 MERCEDES GLA200 CDI Sport (Executive) 5DR 7G-DCT, sat nav, DAB, 18"alloys, 15k, choice, full leather **£18995**

14 64 MERCEDES GLA220 CDI AMG Line 5dr 4-Matic, 18"alloys, reverse camera, 27k, white, half-leather **£19995**

14 64 MERCEDES GLA220 CDI AMG Line Premium Plus 5dr 7G-DCT 4Matic, pan roof, 19"alloys, reverse camera, 26k, half-leather **£21995**

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15 15 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 5dr, chilli + media XL + TLC pack, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, dab, half-leather, 19k, met blue **£11295**

15 65 MINI COOPER 1.5 D 5dr, chilli pack, Bluetooth, in BRG with white roof and mirror caps **£9495**

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14 64 MINI COOPER 2.0 COOPER S 3dr (TLC Pack)(192bhp), JCW bodykit, Harman Kardon, 17"black alloys, 16k, volcanic orange, half leather **£13995**

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16 66 MINI COOPER 2.0 SD 3dr (170 bhp), chilli pack, Mini warranty Oct 2019, sat nav, DAB, USB, 17"alloys, 8k, black, half leather **£13995**

14 64 MINI COUNTRYMAN 1.6 COOPER ALL4 5dr (TLC & Pepper Pack) Bluetooth, 17"black alloys, 24k, starlight blue **£10995**

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14 64 MINI ONE 1.5 D 3dr (PEPPER Pack) Bluetooth, DAB, 15k, white **£8495**

14 64 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 COOPER D 3dr (Pepper Pack) sat nav, 17"alloys, 19k, white **£10495**

14 64 MINI PACEMAN 1.6 COOPER 3dr (TLC & Pepper Pack) sat nav, 17"black alloys, mfsw, 22k, black **£11795**

14 63 MITSUBISHI ASX 1.8 TD 4 5dr, 4WD, panoramic roof, sat nav, cruise, 28k, silver, full leather **£10995**

16 66 MITSUBISHI ASX 2.2 DI-D 4 4WD 5dr automatic, Mitsubishi Dec 2019, panoramic roof, sat nav, 13k, black, full leather **£15995**

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15 65 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER 2.0 PHEV GX3H + 5dr CVT automatic 4WD, cruise, Bluetooth, pdc, white **£18995**

15 65 MITSUBISHI OUTLANDER 2.2 DI-D GX3 5dr (7-Seater), cruise, pdc, Bluetooth, 9k, black **£17995**

15 65 NISSAN JUKE 1.6 Acenta Premium 5dr Xtronic automatic, Nissan warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, reverse camera, 22k, met red **£11495**

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16 16 NISSAN X-TRAIL 1.6 DCI Acenta 4x4 5dr(7-seater) Nissan warranty April 2019, pan roof, cruise, 12k, black **£16495**

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12 62 PEUGEOT RCZ 1.6 THP Sport 2dr coupe, 18"alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, 42k, grey **£7995**

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15 65 RENAULT SCENIC Xmod 1.6 DCI Energy Dynamique 5dr, Renault warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, PDC, met red **£8995**

15 65 SKODA OCTAVIA 2.0 TDI SE L 5dr, Skoda warranty Oct 2018, sat nav, DAB, cruise, 17k, black **£11995**

16 66 SKODA OCTAVIA 1.6 TDI Greenline III SE Business 5dr, Skoda warranty Sep 2019, sat nav, cruise, black **£11495**

16 66 SKODA OCTAVIA 2.0 TDI SE Business 5dr Automatic, Skoda warranty Dec 2019, sat nav, Bluetooth, DAB, met grey **£12495**

17 17 SKODA OCTAVIA 2.0 TDI SE L Estate, Skoda warranty July 2020, sat nav, Bluetooth, DAB, only 700 miles, met blue **£16995**

15 64 SUZUKI SWIFT 1.6 Sport 3dr, 17"alloys, Bluetooth, cruise, 38k, black **£7495**

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15 65 VAUXHALL ASTRA GTC 2.0 CDTI SRI 3dr, Vauxhall warranty Oct 2018, 18"alloys, cruise, 23k, choice **£9495**

16 16 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 1.6 CDTI SRI VX-Line 5dr, Vauxhall warranty May 2019, 19"alloys, 17k, black **£12495**

17 17 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 1.6 CDTI SRI VX-Line Nav 5dr, Vauxhall warranty April 2020, sat nav, 19"alloys, 2k, met blue **£14995**

13 13 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTI SRI VX Line Estate, 19"alloys, cruise, 27k, met grey **£8995**

15 65 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTI SRI 5dr, 17"alloys, cruise, black **£9495**

15 15 VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.7 CDTI SE 5dr automatic, cruise, Bluetooth, heated seats, full leather, 28k, black **£10795**

17 17 VW BEETLE 2.0 TDI Bluemotion Tech R-Line 2dr cabriolet, VW warranty March 2020, 18"alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, 4k, white **£19995**

15 65 VW GOLF 1.4 TSI BlueMotion Tech GTE 5dr DSG, VW warranty Oct 2018, 18"alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, privacy glass, 20k, silver **£20995**

12 12 VW GOLF 1.6 TDI BlueMotion Tech SE cabriolet, cruise, pdc, 31k, black **£8995**

14 14 VW GOLF 1.6 TDI BMT SE 5dr, cruise, Bluetooth, met red **£7995**

14 64 VW GOLF 2.0 TDI Tech GT 5dr, sat nav, cruise, Bluetooth, full leather, choice **£11995**

14 64 VW GOLF 2.0 TDI GTD 5dr (184bhp) winter pack, 18"alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, pdc front & rear, 34k, black **£14495**

15 65 VW TIGUAN 2.0 TDI BlueMotion Tech R-Line Editon 4MOTION 5dr DSG automatic, VW warranty Dec 2018, 18"alloys, PDC, 29k, white, full leather **£18995**

15 15 VOLVO V40 1.6 D2 ES 5dr, panoramic glass roof, Bluetooth, black **£8995**

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15 65 VOLVO XC60 2.0 D4 SE 5dr Geartronic, Volvo warranty Dec 2018, privacy glass, DAB, Bluetooth, black, full leather **£17995**

16 66 VOLVO XC60 2.4 D4 SE Lux Nav 5dr 4X4 automatic, Volvo warranty Sep 2019, sat nav, 15k, silver, full leather **£22995**

16 66 SEAT ALHAMBRA 2.0 TDI Ecomotive SE 5dr (7-seater), alloys, pdc front & rear, choice **£16995**

16 66 FORD FIESTA 1.25 Zetec 5dr, Ford warranty Dec 2019, Bluetooth, DAB, choice **£7995**

15 15 RENAULT CAPTUR 1.5 DCI Energy Expression+ 5dr, cruise, alloys, Bluetooth, met blue **£7995**

14 64 MERCEDES A180 CDI AMG Sport 5dr, 18"alloys, cruise, Bluetooth, black with half-leather **£12995**

14 64 VOLVO XC60 2.0 D4 R-Design Lux 5dr, pan roof, sat nav, cruise, 18"alloys, Bluetooth, choice, half-leather **£15495**

16 66 KIA SPORTAGE 1.7 CRD ISG 2 5dr (New Model), sat nav, reverse camera, cruise, 8k, silver **£16995**

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11 11 SAAB 9-3 1.9 TTID Vector 2dr convertible (160bhp) auto, 17"alloys, cruise, heated seats, 58k, met grey, full leather **£7495**

14 64 BMW 116 Efficientdynamics Business Edition 5dr, sat nav, Bluetooth, choice, full leather **£9995**

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15 65 BMW 335 D M Sport XDRIVE 4dr auto, sat nav, 18"black alloys, 26k, choice, full leather **£18995**

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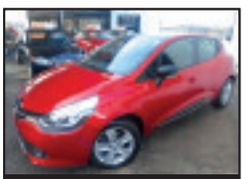

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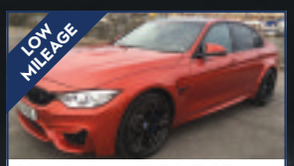

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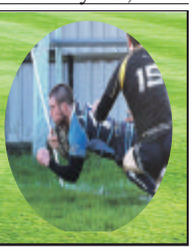

BINGO! New junior captain drives in at St Athan Golf Club

New junior captain Will Thomas introduces his vice-captain Tom Duncan.

ST ATHAN Golf Club is privileged to have amongst its members three generations of one family, with one recently being elected as the club vice-captain and the youngest, Will Thomas, now taking up his position as the junior captain.

On January 20, it was Will who took centre stage as he stepped up to start his year in office with the official juniors 'drive-in'.

Watched by a large gathering of members spanning all sections of the club and supported by proud family and friends Will nervously ventured out onto the first tee, mindful that he wished to emulate the opening drives executed earlier in the month by the club and the ladies captains.

Initially Will was disheartened that he'd sent his ball in the direction of the ninth fairway but quickly recollected that not only had he 'mirrored' the flight path of Steph's drive but he had surpassed it by at least 100 yards!

Because of the monsoon weather conditions and the vast difference in ages of the juniors present the decision was taken to forego the golf and finalize formalities in the warmth of the clubhouse.

These started with the club captain passing on some kind words of encouragement before handing over to the junior organiser, Craig Sherman.

Craig thanked all of those who had supported and worked with the junior section throughout 2017, inviting everybody to come on board again this season.

Craig is especially interested to learn if there is a club member who is conversant in speech delivery techniques – the outgoing captain, Louie John, along with Will and his vice-captain Tom Duncan are all eager to sign up!

With the official captaincy hand-over complete it was time for the juniors to settle down and enjoy another favourite pastime - prize bingo.

The room was silent as the first of the numbers got called, initially by Craig and later by his nine-year-old son Bailey.

With six cards apiece to mark concentration was paramount, however it soon became apparent which of the juniors had played the game before and which of them was only waiting on one or two numbers.

Multiple games had to be played before the juniors were content to draw the afternoon to a close and vacate the premises, many of them laden with prizes and satisfied smiles on their faces.

New junior members, both boys and girls are always welcome at St Athan Golf Club - for information please feel free to visit at your convenience, alternatively phone 01446 751043.

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A nervous Will on the first tee!

Outgoing junior captain Louie John with Will Thomas.

The ladies, junior and club captains.

The Llantwit Major and District Darts League news

THE Llantwit Major and District Darts League season entered its 17th week with the highlights being:

Martin Gaffney 180, Lou Dickens 180, Kieran Whilding 112 out and 21 dart leg, Panicos Skitinis 19 dart leg.

The Lamb & Flag 'C1' lost the top spot in the 'C' league for the first time this season after a 4-7 defeat to fourth-placed Rugby Club.

The Shoes St Athan 'C2' top the league by two points from the Lamb & Flag 'C2' after both teams recorded 10-1 wins.

In the 'A' League the Kings Head 'A1' had a walkover and Wenvoe arms 'A' won 9-2 to again extend the gap at the top of the table.

The Fox & Hounds St Brides are third after winning 7-4 with the Shoes St Athan 'A' fourth after a 6-5 win.

The middle of the table changes from week to week with the fifth to 10th-placed teams regularly moving up and down between them.

'C' League table: Shoes St Athan 'C2' 118, Lamb & Flag 'C2' 116, Lamb & Flag 'C1' 112, Rugby Club 112, Shoes St Athan 'C1' 107, Kings Head 'C2' 100, Boverton Castle 84, Tudor Tavern 'C2' 81, Kings Head 'C1' 64, Tudor Tavern 'C1' 41.

'A' League table: Kings Head 'A1' 155, Wenvoe Arms 140, Fox and Hounds 107, Shoes St Athan 106, Rugby Club 'A1' 93, Lamb & Flag 92, Rugby Club 'A2' 92, Golden Cups 89, Shoes Peterston 88, Kings Head 'A2' 87, Four Bells 86, Tudor Tavern 63, Rugby Club 'A3' 52, Blacksmith Arms 48.

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Cowbridge Darts League round-up

ON Tuesday, January 23 a full programme of league matches was completed.

In the top of the table clash Llanharry beat the Edmondes B 6-3 and so these teams now have the same number of points.

The Six Bells Inn beat the Edmondes A 6-3. In this match Philip Kinman (Edmondes A) hit a 180 and Kevin Seldon (Six Bells Inn) had a 116 three-dart out.

The Edmondes C beat the Farmers Arms 5-4, one of the legs being won by Simon Perkins (Edmondes C) in 11 darts.

In the other games the Highwayman Inn beat the Red Lion Inn 9-0 and the Hairy Farmers beat the Victoria Inn 5-4. The One Town Hall Square had a bye.

Present league standings, after 11 weeks, are: Edmondes B and Llanharry (68 points), Six Bells Inn (66), Highwayman Inn (63), Hairy Farmers (55), Edmondes C (52), Edmondes A (49), Victoria Inn (44), Farmers Arms (38), One Town Hall Square (21) and Red Lion Inn (10).

Next week, Tuesday, February 6 the Edmondes Arms will host the opening rounds of the Commemorative Cup competition.

All matches start at 8.15pm and spectators are welcome. For further information e-mail Paul at cowbridgedarts@gmail.com, up-to-date information can be found on the website: www.darts.apsn.co.uk.

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Porthcawl Bridge Club news

PORTHCAWL Bridge Club recently held its Club Teams Championship for the Margaret Thomas Bowl, resulting in a win for Pat, Gary, Keith and Tony.

The latest results from the club are: Saturday, January 13 – First, Emer Disley and Debbie Lea; second, Dil and Marian Evans.

Thursday, January 18: Club Championship Teams – First, Gary Williams, Pat Haworth, Keith Davison, Tony Haworth; second, Pat Roper, John Cobby, Roger Draper, Rory Gibbons.

Saturday, January 20: First, Colin and Lavinia Thomas; second, Beth Davies and Dian Jones.

Thursday, January 25: First, Sue Anthony and Trish Saunders; second, Dil and Marian Evans.

The club meets twice a week at the Awel-y-Mor centre on Thursdays (6.45pm-9.45pm) and Saturdays (3.45pm-6.45pm). Visitors are welcome at any time; contact club secretary Trish on 01656 785794.

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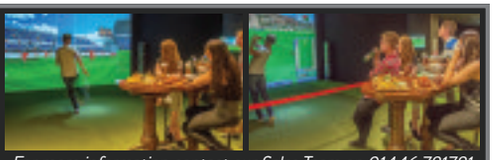

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